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A Gamma Phi House Party.

BY HELEN BROWN, ZETA.

Oh! how would you like to be I,
Member of dear old Gamma Phi?
I can tell you girls
There's no frat. up to her.
She's the only thing college boasts,
So raise your glasses and give her a toast—
Here's to dear old Gamma Phi;
She's the real, real thing.

ONLY the real, real thing could have made such a successful exit from the scene of toiling and flunking. (Excuse me, Gamma Phis never flunk, of course.) Those who know what it is to be interested in particular Freshmen, can imagine with what a will we sang this song as we drove away in the tally-ho, leaving some of the particular Freshmen to clamber in from the fire escapes where they had risked life and limb in order to bid a more individual farewell than would otherwise be possible from the all ready crowded windows; leaving others to restore the dinner bell to its accustomed place since its loud music could no longer appeal to the desired ears.

After a ride of fifteen miles or so, we came to the country house which was to be our home for three days, just in time to help unload the extra provisions which has required another vehicle, and to prepare the informal feast for which we were all ready. Strange to say, we retired early that night, for our minds were so full of schemes for the morrow that we wanted all our energy to carry them out. But, whoever has slept with six in a room, knows that it is impossible to drop off to sleep as the head touches the pillow, or to sleep many consecutive hours, and on the other hand, that it is rather foolish to indulge in confidences with your nearest neighbor, for one may be surprised at

the end of your most confident confidence by a smothered giggle from some supposed-to-be-asleep listener. At one o'clock several restless ghosts were flitting about the halls and when they returned to seek their resting places, neither that nor their shrouds were to be found. In other words, the first night was, and always is, a restless one.

Nevertheless, no one seemed to lack energy and spirits when Saturday dawned, for bright and early, out came sweaters, tams and kodaks and the owners explored the country round—scrambling over fences, running down the lanes like children out of school—as indeed, we felt, for it seemed a long time since we had left study and routine behind us and all together spent a holiday out in the country. The country looked more beautiful than ever, too, for the leaves had turned to red and yellow and brown. We had planned for the day a long tally-ho ride to the bay. It was just the sort of a day to hunt chestnuts, eat our luncheon in the open field and take pictures along the shore. This we did, and had such a good time that we sang all the way home, and loudest of all were the Gamma Phi songs. The farmers, children and old colored folk that stopped to stare at us as we went by, didn't know what Gamma Phi meant, and the old farmer announced at his festive board that night: "Wal, I wish I knowed what that there 'Jammy fy' they wuz a singin' about. It made 'em all look so happy and they wuz enjoyin' it so much, mebbe I could afford to git it for the children."

That night we had our fraternity meeting and each girl felt, I think, that among the greatest pleasures of our house party, was to be numbered the fact that we were all together and all Gamma Phis—away from everything and everyone that might worry—away, too, from the particular Freshmen, for even they worry one sometimes.

Next day, an uncle to one of our girls, arrived, a regular fairy godfather, for although we had taken care to bring a tempting lot of provisions, we were not loth to sit down to a hot turkey dinner "with all the fixins'." And I think we might be pardoned

for having cut church that day, to stroll through the woods taking a picture at every picturesque spot, resting in each hay stack that we came across, and when we chanced upon a little pavilion with a real elevated platform, or having a trial of the culprits who were supposed to have stolen and eaten a valuable cake. The judge did not prove relentless, nor were the culprits completely overcome by their sentence. We all felt that we must make the most of every minute of our last night, so we did not imitate our first evening and retire early. That it, we, with the exception of one girl who, while escaping pursuit with a stolen quilt mistook the opening of the cellar stairs for a safe hiding place, and consequently determined rather suddenly not to join us that evening. Sitting around the open fire in warm kimono's, we popped corn, pulled taffy and set the chafing dish going while we talked of the fun we had been having.

We drove back to work next morning still singing our song and the prospect of work again did not seem so hard with the memory of the good times we had had at our Gamma Phi house party.



California's Colors.

GRETA D. AUGUSTINE, ETA.

BLUE and gold are everywhere conspiring. Here along the road side wild violets group themselves with wee star flowers; from out this fern hedge a tuft of California golden-rod raises a shaggy head, and so close that the yellow pollen lies on its satin petals a purple iris has opened wide. The marsh-carpet below carries the colors across the valley, where the low hills mark their curves in yellow buttercups and the copper-gold of poppies, and where soft purple-blues of lupin and brodiaea temper the gaudy show. Even the afternoon sky takes up the harmonious theme, for dusted across its luminous richly shaded blue float sheerest ribbons of gold.

Impressions from Convention.

A DELEGATE, ZETA.

THE time for the twenty-ninth annual convention of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority was yet twenty-four hours distant when the eager delegates began to arrive at the Union Station in Denver, ready to enjoy every minute of their stay among our loyal Western Gamma Phis. However, our hostesses were not in the least disconcerted by these early arrivals but began at once to plan for the pleasure and comfort of their guests. The time that intervened between our arrival and the beginning of the attractive program that had been prepared for us, was most pleasantly and profitably spent in calling on Denver friends, becoming acquainted with the city, with the Theta girls, and with each other.

Tuesday evening we all met together for the first time at the Beta Theta Pi house, where the first "event," the initiation of one more girl into Theta's ranks, was to take place. This part of the program must, of course, be passed over in these pages, but each of my Gamma Phi sisters can picture the evening to herself and can appreciate the feeling that bound us close together at this, the very beginning of convention week.

Wednesday morning we met at the Adams Hotel, the convention headquarters, for our first business session. The Denver weather, of which we had all heard so much, at first seemed inclined to sulk at the presence of so many expectant visitors, but by noon it was wheedled into fairly good behavior, perhaps by the anxious faces of the Theta girls and by rumors of a coaching party for that afternoon.

Shortly after one o'clock we adjourned to a private dining room, where we were served a most delicious luncheon. One of the girls remarked that "she was as hungry as if she had been going to classes all forenoon," and the rest of us echoed her sentiment in actions if not in words.

After we left the dining room we found that the coach was ready, and it was unanimously agreed that the short business session which was to have preceded the coaching party be omitted. Our ride gave us the best possible opportunity of seeing Denver, and we had a jolly time, too, singing songs and giving yells, and talking as if we had always known each other. Just as we were all beginning to feel a little cold and subdued the coach stopped before the pleasant home of Mrs. Young, and we were all ushered into the warm rooms, where hot chocolate was served and every trace of chilliness was soon banished. It was dark when we were left at our stopping places, and we had just time enough to eat our dinners and dress for the reception and dance which the Theta girls gave for us that evening.

Thursday morning the business session was held at the Beta Theta Pi house which had been gallantly vacated for the week. At noon some of Theta's freshmen and pledges served a very delightful buffet luncheon, which was followed by another business session. You can imagine how interesting this session must have been, for in spite of the "sing" which had been planned for four o'clock at the Gamma Phi Beta Club House, we didn't adjourn until after five. Nevertheless we took time to go over and visit the little club house, and it must have been much gratified by the amount of sincere praise it received. It certainly is a dear place, beautifully furnished, with a pleasant, homelike air that suggests the Gamma Phi fellowship to which it is accustomed. The spacious tennis courts and croquet grounds that surround the "lodge" make it seem smaller than it really is and remind us of the open-air life that our Western sisters live.

Thursday evening we realized how fortunate it was for us that Theta had such loyal friends, for the dance which the Kappa Sigma fraternity gave at the Montclair Country Club was delightful in every respect.

Friday afternoon a reception was given at the Adams Hotel to college women and other Gamma Phi friends, and it was indeed a very pretty affair.

At seven o'clock we again met at the hotel for our banquet, the last social event of the week, and I think we were all glad that an extra business session had been called for Saturday morning and that this was not to be our farewell meeting. The banquet was a success from the minute we sat down and exclaimed with delight at the dainty toast programs, until the last toast had been given and the last song sung.

Saturday need not be mentioned here. It was simply one big "good-bye" and "promise to write" as we parted from our newly but firmly-made friends and started on our different ways, some for a short stay at Colorado Springs and others, less fortunate, back to the college halls they had left a week before, each with a heart full of gratitude to Theta and a sense of new strength and union in our national Gamma Phi.



Another Day.

BY ALICE AILEEN HIGGINS, EPSILON.

The mist with shadow fingers gray,
Lifts ghost-like at the glow of dawn.
Over the moorlands, echoes stay
The wakened voices, faint with dreams—
Threads through the forest's darkened screen,
A shifting gleam of growing light;
Close-wrapped in sheath of pale leaf-green
The flower-petals hide their flame.

The grasses low are slowly fanned
In motion by insistent winds.
The limpid dew in silver strand,
Beads for the morn a rosary.
Shrived, through his tears the watcher sees
His votive taken for the night.
Burn out—and lifts his head to greet
The promise of the morning light.

The Ideal Gamma Phi Beta.

BY ALICE AILEEN HIGGINS, EPSILON.

THE ideal Gamma Phi Beta gets a strong hold of specific ideas, and works them out in her life. She does not drift. She *creates*. She stands for something definite. She allows one bit of philosophy to dominate her life, "the only ideal spectator of conduct is the ideal self." She cares more about standing unashamed before her ideal self than before the world. She would rather be at peace with herself, and know she is right, than *seem* to be what she is not and stand in a favorable light in the eyes of other people. She does not bow to the god of her neighbor's opinion. She has well-defined ideas of her own, and quietly stands for them in her life.

She has a thoroughly cosmopolitan air. She is at home anywhere and everywhere. She begins to acquire this in college by becoming in touch with other circles than that of her own sorority.

She has a refined gentleness, which is evident in her every movement. She is exquisitely careful of her person. She recognizes the fitness of things in dress, manner and conversation.

She finds the special gift with which nature has endowed her and cultivates that gift. She realizes the obligation of giving, which is placed upon each member of a social group—and her presence is at once a delight and a benefit.

In her attitude toward men she shows she will not cheapen her sweet womanliness by intimate association with those of mediocre type. The so-called popularity gained by clever scheming so prevalent in college circles, she passes over as not worth her while.

She is sensible of her own weaknesses and conquers them by constant effort. She "walks amidst the universe its friend,—at home with life, acquaint with death, facing her stretch of day, her night, her end,—learning new wonder with each rising breath."

Is it not worth our while to grow nearer her image?

Song.

(To the tune of Isabelle.)

BY MARTHA SCHULTZE CHANDLER, ALPHA.

Songs are sung
 In every tongue
 About societies old and young;
 Some declare,
 And that's not fair,
 Their's is far beyond compare;
 But all concede,
 And we're agreed,
 There's only one that takes the lead;
 Shout it high,
 The joyful cry,
 Hurrah for Gamma Phi!
 The girls of Gamma Phi are always in for fun,
 The glories added to her name are only just begun;
 In every college honor she can take her part,
 And Gamma Phi has captured every heart.

CHORUS.

Then give three cheers, sound her praises to the sky;
 Oh! Gamma Phi, for thee we'd die;
 And when at last to the better land we fly,
 We hope to meet you and greet you on high, Gamma Phi!

Great success
 Our path doth bless,
 Makes us rather proud, I guess;
 Hear us say,
 Every day,
 Things are coming right our way;
 Freshmen bright,
 Out of sight,
 Pledge at once in great delight;
 So we cry,
 With spirits high,
 Hurrah for Gamma Phi!
 The girls of Gamma Phi are always glad to eat.
 A peanut and an olive spread will make our joy complete;
 And when the boys come 'round a serenade to bring,
 Then underneath our windows hear them sing.

Toast to Kappa Chapter.

(To the tune of Bullard's Stein Song.)

WORDS BY EDITH C. TODD, '01.

Come ye Kappas, daughters loyal,
Praise the bonds you hold most dear;
Sing the life that's more than royal,
Wish our chapter health and cheer.

CHORUS—Here's long life to our chapter,
May joy and content be round her,
May peace live within her,
May discord ne'er come nigh,
May wisdom shine before her,
May truth ever hold sway o'er her.
Long life to our chapter!
Here's to Kappa Gamma Phi!

Minnesota's bands are many,
But the proudest pin we wear,
Moonlight shines o'er all the campus,
But for us most bright and fair.

CHORUS—Here's success to our chapter,
May college with laurel crown her,
May never wane her strong endeavor,
Never fail her purpose high.
May the years coming after
Brim with friendship and work and laughter.
Success to our chapter!
Here's to Kappa Gamma Phi!

Days are passing, years go by us,
Like our river swift and fair.
We'll be day long, life long thankful
For the vows which now we share.

CHORUS—Then here's to our chapter,
May joy and content be round her,
May peace live within her,
May discord ne'er come nigh,
May our love leave her never,
May we some time grow old together,
One chapter forever!
Here's to Kappa Gamma Phi!

Editorials.

THIS issue marks the beginning of a new volume in the life of our sorority and its magazine, **THE CRESCENT**. While in one way it may be said that **THE CRESCENT** is in new hands, in another it is just as it formerly was. For is it not truly the instrument of the sorority at large, and to what small degree would it succeed if it fell to the editor alone to provide for it? Our first number, coming at this season, carries with it many resolutions and ambitions to serve dear Gamma Phi in the most efficient way possible.

We greatly appreciate the work that has been done by the former editors in laying so substantial a foundation, and feel that our task would have been Herculean but for the preceding volumes.

To all, as for **THE CRESCENT**, we wish a prosperous and happy new year, and may we find ourselves as 1904 rolls out more firmly rooted in Gamma Phi Beta and all that it means to us.



THE NEW YEAR.

THE Editor of **THE CRESCENT** is glad to send this first number at the season of the year when resolutions are in vogue. A new year's greeting, full of joy and best wishes is proffered by us, with the earnest hope that we may serve you throughout the year in a manner worthy of Gamma Phi. While we have tried to make this, our first number, indicative of our

tone and the mission we aim to fill, still it is our first, and like all other beginnings, will bear improvement, and of this no one is more conscious than the editor. However, we gladly accept any criticisms, knowing that they come bearing the Pi Kappa Epsilon or a Gamma Phi. While we extend our good will, which we hope to continue through the year, will our readers not reciprocate in proportion to our efforts to put in this readable form a true reflection of the accomplishments, endeavors, aims and ideals of our sorority? We aspire to broaden our circle of readers, giving them the confidence of growth and increased worth. Though we have sought the reader's good will, still our spirit of felicity is toward all, carrying a joyful new year.



AGORA.

THE CRESCENT should not be the result of the efforts of any single Gamma Phi, or even of the editors. If this were the condition, all our readers would suffer, while the editor was practicing upon them, and the profit cost dearly. We solicit from every one who shares in the spirit of our Sorority an expression of their interest. And how can all contribute and what will they contribute? Surely some have ideals for our fraternity life which they have not seen attained; some look back to their college days as the time of active fraternity life and regret that more was not accomplished along certain lines; some will speak with a kindly criticism; some will present subjects which convention will consider later, while some, with suggestions, will lead us on to a more nearly ideal sorority.

Such a feature of our magazine, will be the "Agora," and we trust a not altogether uninteresting and unprofitable one. But

We heard from our convention delegate, Julia Babcock, about those of our sisters whom she had met at Denver, and we seemed to be closer to you by hearing about you from one who had seen your representatives.

Alpha wishes for you the same prosperous year that she desires for herself, and we all join in wishing success to the new management of THE CRESCENT.

BETA.

BETA sends greetings to all her sister chapters and hopes they have had as prosperous a rushing season as she has had.

The rushing this year was done in a very simple and unpretentious manner, but with just as good results as ever before. We gave a progressive dinner and a few informal parties with teas at the homes of the different girls who live in town, and at the end of the rushing we pledged seven fine Freshmen: Marion Brownell, Eugenie Bray, Elizabeth Dodds, Vera Say, Frances Brown, Helen Hoover and Caroline Parker.

Many of the old girls were back for initiation and the banquet was delightful of course. We were so glad to have with us at that time Lucy Babcock, of Alpha.

Our one special function was the annual dance at which we introduced our Freshmen into Ann Arbor society. It was a great success—at least according to our way of thinking. Beta did not send a delegate from the active chapter to convention, but Marie Goodman, one of our alumnæ, went and enjoyed it immensely, as she wrote.

GAMMA.

GAMMA Chapter extends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes that each of them had the good fortune to start out the new year with as bright prospects as she had despite the loss of her six Seniors and of two Sophomores who left the University to attend Eastern colleges.

The opening of the fall session found thirteen of the old girls back in the chapter and two pledglings. After a few days of rather hard rushing we secured five more, making seven in all, and of course Gamma thinks that they are the very pick of the Freshman class. Our initiations took place on Friday, October 28, and Monday, November 13. So it is with greatest pleasure that we introduce to the sorority at large our new sisters: Lorretta Carey, of Sioux City, Iowa; Inez Etter, Monroe, Wis.; Alice Smalley, Chicago, Ill.; Mae Rowe, Plymouth, Wis.; Mae Douglas, Winona, Minn. The other two girls, Jeanette Scott, of Hudson, Wis., and Katherine Swint, of Madison, Wis., will not be initiated until next semester, owing to some previous promise made to their parents.

The girls all wish to thank their alumnæ once more, especially Mrs. Mary Brittingham, for their kind assistance given to us last year during that financial embarrassment which we endured, caused by so many empty rooms in our too large house. In one way this trouble was beneficial, for it certainly brought us closer together with our alumnæ, many of whom we had not heard from for years.

On Saturday, December 12, we gave a formal party to introduce the Freshmen and incidentally to do rushing. We pledged two fine girls, Edith Bower, of Brodhead, Wis., and Lydia Jensen, of Edgerton, Wis.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, the first sorority established at Madison, has called a meeting of the Pan Hellenic Association for directly after Christmas. This is so entirely foreign to the former methods of rushing at Wisconsin that it will probably cause much discussion and confusion.

Gamma again expresses the hope that this may be a most successful year for each Gamma Phi.

DELTA.

SINCE Delta last heard from her sister chapters she has been very busy. First came our initiation and banquet which, as usual, was the occasion of a happy reunion among our alumnae. Perhaps you will find our toast list interesting: Fecetiae; Memorabilia; Aut us aut nullus; Dei Penates; Vox infantium; A chagne sainte sa chandelle; Ad capram pertinens (given impromptu by an unsuspecting Freshman), and the whole presided over by a charming curator ludorum.

The day before Thanksgiving the initiates followed the good old custom of giving a spread for the chapter. With the true Thanksgiving spirit in the air and an abundance of dainties, even to our beloved olives and peanuts, on the table, it goes without saying that the afternoon was a most delightful one.

Delta has given parties to each of the men's fraternities in college this year. The first was to Beta Theta Pi. Our guests came in a body and after some preliminary introductions we all played Pit. Well, my dears, if you are ever going to give a party which you fear will have a hushed and funeral air, by all means play Pit, provided you have good strong ears and nerves not the kind to be easily disturbed. After every one had made corners enough for one evening, and other games had been tried and refreshments served, we drew our chairs around the piano. After several complimentary songs from our guests we felt in duty bound to sing about the maiden who once went to college, which seemed to meet with high approval, and with much laughter and well wishes our Beta friends left us.

Our next party was to Theta Delta Chi. It was like our former, very informal, but none the less pleasurable on that account. To close the evening we sat around the open grate fire and popped corn. With plenty of laughter and chatter and the crisp, white corn you can judge that the evening passed pleasantly.

Although I have taken up so much of my letter in telling of our festivities this year please don't think Delta frivolous. On

the contrary she is quite studious ; you should see how well represented she is in college, in the Philosophical, Historical and Literary clubs, and how very industrious she can be.

I have saved the very best thing that Delta has done this year to tell you last. The Wednesday before Christmas we had a Christmas tree for sixteen little children of the "other half" who would have had no share in the happy season. We trimmed the tree as we would for our own home, with all the pretty tinsel and candles and stars and popcorn strings, and hung it with gifts for our small guests, and in the joy of giving and the joy of receiving a merrier crowd of children or a happier circle of Gamma Phi girls you could not find.

In closing Delta sends her kind wishes to all her sisters for the best and happiest of new years.

EPSILON.

WITH heavy snow and zero weather, it seems a long time since the warm, ideal autumn weeks of rushing this semester. By this time our five Freshmen, Mary Bierer, Sara Shute, Florence Wallace, Josephine Russell and Maud Martin are well into the spirit of active sorority life. Proud as we were when we won them for Gamma Phi Beta, we have a greater pride now, since the sorority badge has taken the place of the pledge pin and they have proved that they are all true Gamma Phi Beta girls in every respect. We gave a "coming-out" for the Freshmen at the Golf Club house December 5, and many were the congratulations heaped upon us both about the attractive quintet and the social success of the evening. Several other informal affairs recently have served to make Freshmen in closer touch with both college and Evanston friends of Gamma Phi Beta. Among the most pleasant was a birthday feast and dance given for the three whose birthday came on December 7. This was given at the home of Bernice and Ethel Works, where we always enjoy the most royal hospitality.

Epsilon enjoyed a short visit from Julia Babcock and Helen Gowing, both of Alpha, who stopped at Northwestern on their return from convention. Our three delegates to convention, Sidney Hall, Ivy Berry and Bertha White, came back with glowing accounts of their stay in Denver. Making up their lost work in college was not in the least irksome, because of the delightful recompense they had had for it.

The pleasure and benefit of having Miss Lilian Thompson so near us in Chicago is very great indeed. She was present at our last party and remained over night with us.

Epsilon is very enthusiastic over plans for "Frat. Christmas." We expect the rooms to be much more attractive after this event.

Our new piano is a constant joy to us and we shall be grateful forever to our alumnæ who have so generously helped us pay for it.

Next week we all scatter for the holidays and we go with something very dear and sweet added to our Christmas cheer—the love of Gamma Phi Beta.

ZETA.

TO ALL the sister chapters of Gamma Phi Beta, and especially to Lambda, Zeta sends her heartiest greetings.

The Zeta girls have all come back to college this year filled with enthusiasm and optimism. Every one has gotten busy and kept busy, for the Pan-Hellenic Association has decided to have Easter pledging this year. Very stringent laws have been passed in order to restrict rushing as much as possible. Each sorority can have but one function with all its members present and invitations by sorority cards. At other times, there can be but four members present. Consequently there have been many small but very delightful rushing parties given.

Several weeks ago the Freshmen we are rushing were asked up to a little affair given in the den. The four girls (as prescribed) had decorated it with autumn leaves and pumpkin lights.

One yellow, laughing face peeped in the window, another, perched on a table, wore a college cap and gown and a huge "Green Bow." The Freshmen were most enthusiastic about the good time they had, and all seemed duly impressed. This is just one example of the kind of rushing we are doing this year. Drives, walks, luncheons, trips to the club and especially the weekly teas are all ways and means for us to make the Freshmen feel the proper respect for right kind of upper classmen.

Just before Thanksgiving, Margaret Lee invited the sorority out to her country home for a house party over Sunday. Everybody went and just had the best and jolliest time imaginable. The house fairly resounded with our old and new Gamma songs. Zeta girls are never so happy as when they are all together. We were loathe to go back to work when the tally-ho again drew up before the door.

Other fraternity girls could not understand why we would want to lose that time rushing, but our will-be-freshmen asked us to take them along next time.

Zeta is trying to keep up the conservative and high standard of Gamma Phi by rushing only the best Freshmen. Fraternities are working hard against each other, but we are confident of success, and raising our glasses still say:

"Here's to our neighbors!
May their anchors always hold,
Their ivy ever cling,
Their kites ever fly,
Their sphinx ever grin,
Their arrows ever shoot,
Their tridents ever try,

While above them all floats serenely our Crescent Gamma Phi."

ETA.

ETA sends greetings to all her sister chapters. We have led very uneventful lives since rushing season ended. In October we initiated six Freshmen, remarkable for their enthusiasm and willingness to work. Shortly after their initiation the

Freshmen were introduced at a party in the Chapter house and we have not entertained since except at one or two informal dinners. One of our girls bought the Chapter house in which we have lived for nearly four years, and it seems so much more like our very own now.

On the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving all the girls, active and alumnæ, were invited to the house to a Thanksgiving dinner. All the alumnæ near enough came, and after dinner were presented with our Christmas list, which included all the things we need and want for the house. Then on the evening of registration day in January everybody is invited to come and see all the Christmas gifts for the house. We have a tree, candles, snow and all, and Santa Claus is always there. The night is always a memorable one for its happy fellowship and good cheer.

The girls who went to Denver came home full of enthusiasm over convention, and especially pleased with the girls they had met there.

At the beginning of the term when all the other sororites were announcing engagements we threatened to fine each senior who did not announce her engagement by the end of the term, for next year is leap year, but apparently it has done no good. The Seniors are still non-committal.

We are very glad that THE CRESCENT is to be published again and wish that it may be very successful.

The following are the initiates of this year: Rebecca Mac-Nair, Cecil Harrold, Zoe Riley, Carmel Riley, Marietta Edwards, Lula Minor.

THETA.

THETA has been having a very studious time since she bid her delegates good-bye on November 14, and, though she is trying to bear in mind the decision made in convention about personal letters, our personalities must be very prosaic—they can be told in a single sentence: Theta has studied.

We are to have one little social event during the holidays, an at-home on New Year's, with Jessie Kunkely, and we have determined to have a harpist playing from a green bower on the stair landing. It will probably be as hard to keep from dancing there as it was at a certain other time we have not forgotten—and the faculty won't be there! How lovely it would be if the delegates could be with us again. Theta misses them all, and has spent not a little time in going over "old times." The enthusiasm which came when we felt the national bond and the strong "united we stand" feeling has stayed with us and will probably remain after all thought of the meeting which inspired it has gone.

We wish a most successful new year to all our sister chapters and a warm renewal of our Pi Kappa Epsilon.

IOTA.

IOTA sends heartiest greetings to each and every sister of Gamma Phi Beta.

We look back with pride and pleasure upon the past weeks and although the fruits of our labors cannot be realized until "hold-off" day arrives, about two months later, we begin to feel that we have not spent time, energy and money in vain. We can think and talk of nothing but rushing now, and the comparative merits of Freshmen, so I might as well tell you about it right away and get that off my mind.

Our first festivity took the form of a theatre party. Since then we have had teas of all degrees of informality, a candy pull, a Hallowe'en party, a tramp through the woods, winding up with a spread at the summer home of one of our girls, and all sorts of private and personal enterprises for the entertainment and luring of Freshmen. One of the features of the season has been a dance which was given in the Barnard College theatre the week before Thanksgiving. We were rather proud of that affair; there were eight patronesses—including the dean—and enough men to go

around. The next week we had a theatre party. The Freshmen enjoyed that play; it was a stirring melodrama which made little chills run all up and down your spine and brought tears to the eyes of the most susceptible. Well, this week we have come back to earth and an informal tea. To be brief, some of our friends are beginning to think that we have perused Thackeray and learned "how to live well on nothing a year."

One of our receptions this fall was a reception to welcome Alpha Phi and Tri Delta. Mrs. E. J. Palmer, one of the *alumnæ*, kindly opened her home to us on this occasion. Just here you must know how much our *alumnæ* are helping us by their encouragement, their presence at our affairs, the opening of their homes to us, and substantial aid of all sorts.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in having pledged two new girls, Anna Rae, 1906, and Olive MacDowell, special. By the time this letter is published they will have become full-fledged Gamma Phis, as they are to be initiated on the 19th at the home of Mrs. Dawson.

This year we are the proud possessors of a cozy little chapter room—of course you all know what "cozy" means in New York. We have moved our Lares and Penates—in other words the chafing dish and olive bottle—thither and have settled down to that state of complaisance noticeable in all those who have a fixed abiding place.

As you see about the actual outcome of our work, nothing very definite can be said and we will have to gather up the loose ends of this discourse in our next letter. Meanwhile you may think of us as giving teas, taking Freshmen to theatres, concerts and the opera and haunting their footsteps day and night with a dogged persistency born of past mistakes and a burning desire that 1907 shall yield its best to Gamma Phi.

But deep in our hearts and forming one of the motives for our work lies our love for our sister chapters. We wish to assure you of this affection for you all and to wish you a happy and prosperous year.

KAPPA.

NEW YEAR greetings to all our sister chapters. The first semester of our college year is almost finished, and it is interesting to look back over the months since registration week and note the events that have taken place in our sorority life during that time.

Perhaps the most important of these was the addition of nine new names to our chapter roll: Mrs. Henry F. Nachtrieb, Marie Moreland, Harriet Young, Florence Millspaugh, Helen Lovell, Rewey Belle Inglis, Grace Kingsley, Sara Marshall and Cora Taney. Soon after their initiation we introduced our Freshmen to the college world at a reception given at the home of Mrs. E. W. Backus.

On the evening of the Friday before the holidays we gave our first informal—a kind of jubilee celebrating the temporary close of school—enjoyed, accordingly, with an abandon of high spirits that nothing can arouse but a vacation.

We have had, moreover, a number of merry-makings, just among ourselves. The first, and one of the best of these, was a house party lasting over Sunday, at Marie Moreland's summer home on White Bear Lake, and there—Oh! "What larks!" as Joe Gorgery would say.

Marion Jones opened her home for our Christmas party, the day after Christmas, when all Minnesota Gamma Phis, past and present, were assembled in happy conclave. A gorgeous Christmas tree, bearing dainty parcels of various shapes and sizes, was the great feature of the afternoon. While, for additional entertainment, an amusing pantomime was cleverly presented by a number of the girls. Such delightful gatherings as these are important to the sorority, in strengthening those ties upon which its life and vigor rest. Surely we can't have too many of these good times together, so long as they are the wholesome kind of good times and do not crowd out those less agreeable but apparently essential features of life, known as *duties*.

We were all extremely interested in hearing everything possible about the last convention, from our delegate, Eleanor Sheldon. She was not allowed a moment's peace for weeks after she returned from Denver, but was obliged to spend most of her time outside of recitations, in answering questions and giving detailed descriptions of everything she did and saw in the week that she was away. Convention enthusiasm is very infectious and we all caught a great deal of it from her. We look forward most eagerly to the time when Kappa Chapter may be hostess, and may entertain as many visitors as possible from all the other chapters.

LAMBDA.

I T was the messenger boy who did it all. The girls were waiting in the halls and on stairways for the dinner gong to sound, when one of them espied the blue-jacket and the crowd made toward him.

There was no noise. Every girl felt her heart tighten and her throat swell, until it was read: "Charter granted. Initiation must be at once."

That was the end of the beginning; a beginning of torturous waiting, of lengthy trial.

And now we are Gamma Phi Betas. "'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished."

May 17, 1903, this body sprang to birth with a cry of exultation and joy at living. It has lived on, rejoicing daily in greater measure, finding new jewels in its treasure with the passing struggles.

Very shortly after the initiation, college closed and we girls were scattered far and wide, but some sorority work was accomplished, notwithstanding. There were a few rushing stunts for high school girls, several pins ordered and communications carried on with other chapters.

The last of September found us back at college with two Seniors, two Juniors and four Sophomores active Gamma Phi

Betas. There were several alumnæ girls in Seattle to help us and, within a few weeks, we had eleven Freshmen girls, best fitted of the novices to wear the Gamma Phi Beta pledge pin.

In the meantime we were getting a house. We were busy. The house is of three stories, new, conveniently arranged and cosily fitted up with our pennants and college decorations. It is the first and only sorority house at the University of Washington.

When we initiated our Freshman girls we found ourselves twenty-three strong, including four alumnæ girls that have become active.

The usual sorority business has been transacted and entertaining on a small scale has been done. The sixteenth of December we received the ladies of the faculty in the chapter house. January 16, 1904, we will give our annual party.

During the summer Helen Russell McCurdy was married to Mr. Fred Marvin, so that now we have two youthful matrons in our band.

We have plans for a bigger home next year and an increasing growth in every way, a strengthening of the bonds and precepts of Gamma Phi Beta.

BOSTON.

GREETINGS to all the sisters and especially to that faithful band to whom our hearts go out in friendly sympathy—the editors. May they and THE CRESCENT live long and prosper, unperturbed by the trials attendant on our mortal state in general, and on the editorial nerves in particular. Success to THE CRESCENT and three cheers for Zeta!

Since October, Boston Chapter has the pleasure of recording two delightful monthly meetings held at the sorority rooms, and enlivened by talk and luncheons in the preparation of which the services of all were enlisted, the final result being a practical and toothsome illustration of Herbert Spencer's famous definition of

the creation of the universe—"the evolution from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity into a definite, coherent heterogeneity." One article of the bill of fare at the November meeting is worthy of being here recorded. We own a member who owns a husband who owns one of the great hotels here in Boston—the Somerset. That lady, with her own hands, tugged into the meeting a cake—which might be written in large capitals. It was the size of a large cart-wheel; it stood about eight inches tall; it was frosted like unto a wedding cake for thickness; the contents were ambrosial and nutty; but the real work of art was the top. Within a frescoed border, carved in bas relief, rose the well-known letters Gamma Phi Beta; under them was a harp and around them was a laurel wreath. We looked; we tasted. Lo! it was good. There were twelve of us, and we finished it to the last crumb, but the wondrous top we carved off with reverent hands and left it for the admiration of the college girls.

Just before this letter was written occurred one of *the* three events of the year to an *alumnæ*—the Christmas spread; held this year at the home of Mabel Langford Priest in Newton. Over fifty, college and *alumnæ*, were present, and the only entertainment was the music of chattering tongues, as the girls moved from group to group, inspecting the large white tags each girl wore, which bore her name, class, and any items she might have furnished of general interest. We are quite sure that the general sum of knowledge has been greatly increased thereby, and that when some of the girls were finally allowed to inspect their own tags, they realized what the smiles of those who had previously examined them had been provoked by. The sister of the hostess, who is a graduate of Radcliffe, when asked if Radcliffe girls made so much noise at reunions, said emphatically, "No, they don't—but I don't think they have so good a time, either." Which perhaps is true.

A happy new year to all the dear sisters, prosperity to THE CRESCENT, and growth in all honor to Gamma Phi Beta.

CHICAGO.

No letter.

MILWAUKEE.

THE Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter has had several successful meetings this fall which, as usual, were principally social. We have lost one of our members, which we regret very much, but were glad at our last meeting to welcome Mrs. C. C. Dibble, who was a member of Beta Chapter, and who will make her home in Milwaukee. Mrs. Madden and Pauline Richardson are both abroad for the year and we learn that Miss Richardson is studying art and French. Also that she prefers art to French and that she is considering seriously returning to America in January, thereby cutting her year in half. We will be glad to have her back as we miss her and Mrs. Madden very much, but we hope that our meetings on their return will be regaled with many interesting incidents.

Miss Mary Laflin and Mrs. Laura Case Sherry have both made visits to Gamma Chapter this fall and found them in their usual flourishing condition.

Mrs. Ethel Virgin O'Neil has returned to Milwaukee after a long visit at her mother's home, and we rejoiced to welcome her again at our last meeting.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year to chapters.

NEW YORK.

THE New York Alumnæ Association rejoices in the fact that another letter is called for, signifying that another number of THE CRESCENT is about to appear. We are not at all abashed that we have little to report, as our object has been purely selfish to keep ourselves informed about Gamma Phi, not to keep her informed about us. Animated by this desire, from fifteen to twenty members are present at each meeting, the representation being divided between New York and New Jersey.

Th first regular meeting of the year was held with Abbie Benson Slawson (Alpha), those present being from Alpha and Delta, but the second meeting saw added to our numbers Mary

Connor Hayes, Beulah Hayes and Frances Connor from Zeta. Emma Lowd, the former president of the sorority at large, has also identified herself with us.

We have held two special meetings with Blanche Shore Palmer, and by this means we have endeavored to free our regular meetings from the amount of business which prevented the social enjoyment those coming from a distance, as well as those at hand, particularly enjoyed.

At our second meeting, when we were entertained by Anna L. Cole and Stella MacIntyre at the home of the former, Gertrude Hulse and Lida French, both of Alpha, were guests. Anne Boordman and Clara Whitmore, of Delta, united themselves with us at that time, as being now within short distances from New York.

Our relations with Iota are very close and during the last year we have been able to keep in touch with her by availing ourselves of the active chapter's invitation to hold a membership in her circle. In this Florence Heermans consented to represent us and now gives us delightful reports from this chapter, in which we are so deeply interested. For them also Mrs. Palmer kindly opened her home for a reception given by Iota to welcome the two sororities recently admitted to Barnard. Lu Smith Dawson likewise placed her home at their disposal for the initiation of two upper classmen.

At our autumn meeting two announcements were made of special interest to Alpha. The marriage of Clara Bingham to Mr. Mudge Collins, and of Antoinette Brown to Mr. Francis Strickland, who is a minister in Flushing, L. I.

May Reed Murray, of Newark, sent at that time as her excuse for not leaving her home for a Gamma Phi meeting, the arrival of a son, Eugene Murray, Jr., born in July.

At a fair held in November at the Waldorf for the benefit of the "Crippled Children's Home," Mella Tackerbury Marvin presented that organization with a costly mutoscope, one of Mr.

Marvin's well-known inventions. Mrs. Marvin took a prominent part in this as well as in other social and charitable functions.

We hold our next meeting January 30 and shall be very glad at that time to welcome any Gamma Phis who may be visiting in or near New York.

With best wishes for all Gamma Phis, active and alumnæ, at home and abroad, the New York Alumnæ Chapter bids you all a happy new year.

SAN FRANCISCO.

WE now feel thoroughly at home in our new Alumnæ Chapter since we have sent a delegate to convention, laboring long over our instructions to her. On the return of Amy Phelan from Denver with the three delegates from Berkeley, we enjoyed very much hearing about the delightful time that their hostesses of Theta gave them. The amount of work accomplished, too, was very satisfactory.

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Sorority house as guests of Eta we flocked to again this fall.

On the third Thursday in November Dr. Vida and Lena Redington gave a jolly tea at their home in honor of Edith Byxbee, whose engagement to Charles Palmer Nott, was announced to her college friends that afternoon. They were married on the ninth of this month at the Byxbee home in Fruitvale.

This sums up the more important of the social gatherings of the older girls this autumn, but we are looking forward to the house party and jinks that we hold during the Christmas holidays when the Eta girls give up the sorority house to us for a brief space.

Few Gamma Phis have visited San Francisco this year, but we enjoy welcoming them when they do come. So let us know the date of your arrival.

With best wishes for a happy new year to the sisters in Gamma Phi Beta.

SYRACUSE.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THIS letter follows so closely upon our convention letter that we have little more to offer.

Our delegate to Denver, Helen Gowing, has not yet returned to Syracuse, as she has been visiting friends in Michigan. However, we have heard about it all through Julia Babcock, Alpha's delegate. She is very enthusiastic over having seen so many "other Gamma Phis," as she speaks of you.

Theta certainly entertained well and we want her to know that we appreciate it, and we thank her. Still she must have felt rewarded by the pleasure she had in convention. We who have enjoyed the convention at home almost envy those who have had that privilege, and we know how much we profit by it for long afterwards. What true loyalty Eta must have felt when she sent her three delegates away from Berkeley!

Now, since some of you will not hear the chapter letter of convention, the repetition of a few personals will be pardoned.

Some of our chapter are teaching in the West: Janet Kevand in Muncie, Ind.; Lucy Babcock in Kalamazoo, and Lillian Lewis in Elgin, Ill. Mrs. Grace Featherly Morot leaves us soon to make her home in Cleveland.

Some new names have been added to our list this fall—among them are Gertrude Fuller Teete and Martha Shultze Chandler, both of whom have moved to our city. We also anticipate welcoming Amelia Morgan soon after the holidays, as her wedding takes place at that time to Carl Dorr, of Syracuse.

On the 26th E. Addie Curtiss is to entertain all active and alumnæ members at an informal social gathering. Many of the girls will be home and we wish you all might join them and us in making the day a memorable one.

Personal.

ALPHA.

We have several new Gamma Phi Beta babies.

Mrs. Florence Reed Munro, of Camillus, has a daughter.

Laura Mathews, '05, is with the Iota Chapter at Barnard.

Mary Bingham, '05, is teaching school near Owego, N. Y.

Mrs. Florence Farnham Osgood, of Bellows Falls, Vt., has a son.

Alpha has lost four undergraduates from active membership this year.

Mrs. Laura Page Flick, whose husband is professor of History in the University, has a son.

Rosita Munro, '05, has been abroad for some months, and is now at her home in Camillus, N. Y.

Four of the 1903 girls were able to come back to banquet: Leola Jermy, Irma Schoepflin, Irma Hard and Louise Hill.

Ella Bohr, '04, and Julia Babcock, '04, have been elected to membership in Eta Pi Epsilon, the Senior honorary sorority.

Lulu Shearman, '07, was called to her home in Jamestown, N. Y., early in the year by the illness of her mother. She expects to return to college soon.

BETA.

Florence Brownell is teaching in Owosso.

Agnes Wells, '03, is principal at Crystal Falls, Mich.

Eleanor Oliver, '02, is teaching in Springfield, Mass.

Jean Mitchell, '02, has returned from her trip abroad.

Carrie Hosie, '02, is taking a few courses in the University this year.

Winifred Morse, '03, is back in College, taking a course in Medicine.

Margaret McGregory, '03, has a good position in the Kalamazoo High school.

December 21, Abigail Hubbard was married to Dr. Thomas Cooley, and they will make their home in Ann Arbor.

GAMMA.

Miss Nelle Galusha, '02, is studying music in Chicago.

Mrs. Ina Hanks and daughter Julia spent the summer in New York City.

The wedding of Miss Florence Baker to Mr. James A. Hays took place in November.

Miss Laura Sparks, of Beloit, Wis., and Mr. Percy C. Brooks, of Beloit, were married last October.

The wedding of Dorothea Curtis, of Madison, to Mr. Wallace Chickering, of Beloit, occurred on December 3.

Miss Ann McLenegan, class of '97, returned to college this fall to take her Master's Degree and is staying with us at the house.

Since the last issue of THE CRESCENT a daughter has been born to Eleanor Bliss Clawsen, and also a daughter to Ethel Virgin O'Neil.

Clara Barkhausen, '03, is teaching at Florence, Wis; Mollie Pritchard, '03, at Mt. Carroll, Ill.; Alice Jean Beavers, '03, at Savanna, Ill., and Miss Mildred Pyre at Oconomowoc, Wis.

Those of our alumnæ who have visited us during the year were Josephine Ross, of Sioux City, Iowa; Edith Mitchell, Racine, Wis.; Sara Seeber, Waterloo, Wis.; Nelle Galusha and Hattie Ludlow, Monroe, Wis.; Mable Walker, Racine, Wis.; Louise Shearer, Janesville, Wis.; Mrs. Baldwin and Lora Case

Sherry, Milwaukee, Wis.; Blanch Shearer and Grace Gibson, Chicago, Ill., and Helene Richardson, of Dodgeville, Wis.

The engagements of Miss Bernice Burton to Mr. Edward Dennison, of Lake Geneva, Wis.; Miss Bessie Pyre to Mr. Francis Roetz, of Whitewater, Wis., and Miss Augusta Billings to Mr. Mark Newman, of Madison, Wis., have recently been announced.

ZETA.

Margaret Lee expects to enter the University of Chicago in January.

Miss Smart, sister of Jane Smart, '04, spent several days in Baltimore just before the Christmas holidays.

During December Zeta saw several of her girls back again: Imogene Dobbins, of Montclair N. J.; Letitia Simons, '00, who is now teaching a course in Teachers' College; Mrs. Fielding Turner Chase, and Edith M. Powell, '03, all paid us short visits.

Edith Conant Fisher, who was very ill with appendicitis for several weeks in the fall, returned to college after the Thanksgiving holidays. Zeta was especially sorry to be without one of her Seniors, and is very glad indeed to have her join her once more.

Three of Zeta's Seniors took part in their class dramatics in December, Blanche Conner, Jane Smart and Myrtle Hutchins. The play given was "Twelfth Night," and was a great success, considered by many as surpassing the dramatics of former years. Blanche Conner took the part of "Malvolio," and Jane Smart appeared as "Sir Andrew Aguecheek."

THETA.

Grace Twombly will be with us again after New Year's.

Edith Boughton has left college temporarily on account of her eyes.

Inez Ridgeway spent her vacation at her home in Denver, and will return to Vassar on the first of January.

IOTA.

Laura Van Cise, '03, is studying music at home in Summit, N. J.

Marion Waugh, '02, is studying at Oxford University, England.

Louise Kimball, '02, is teaching a public grammar school in the city.

Sadie Holt, '03 is studying at Girton College, Cambridge, England.

Mary Colt, '03, is teaching first year English in the Buffalo High school.

Vina Peters, '02, is teaching mathematics in the High school at Newton, N. J.

Olive Dutcher, '02, is teaching in the Idaho Industrial Institute, Weiser, Idaho.

Mabelle Gray was married to Mr. Freeman, of Brooklyn, on the 22d of December.

Jeannette Seibert, '02, is assisting Dr. Thorndike in Psychology Department at Teachers' College.

KAPPA.

Ethel and Bernice Works, of Epsilon (formerly of Kappa), spent a few days in Minneapolis during the holidays.

The engagement is announced of Ruth M. Spear, '03, to Dr. Harris Newkirk, '03. The wedding will take place in the spring or early summer.

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Two Poems

BY ALICE AILEEN HIGGINS.

The Wild

Out to the open space,
Toward rough set forest crags you set your face.
Lured by the wild uncaught, your heart's unrest
Hears echo of its quest.

You bring the lace-ferns home.
To fill your vase with spoil you rob the gnome
But you must leave behind that wood-charm rare—
The wild you cannot snare.

You picture with your brush
The shadowed forest scene in sunset hush
But spell of woodland depths you cannot touch—
The wild, beyond art's clutch.

You hold the prisoned bird
But from its song is gone a note you heard
When it was free—for you have not beguiled
The e'er uncaptured wild.

A Woman's Rose

"My rose has no thorn,"
Cried the woman smilingly.
No one guessed the sharp pain borne,
No one dreamed the close-pressed rose
Pierced deep into tender hand;
No one saw the cutting thorn
Nor the leaf with blood-stained brand—
No one heard the quick-caught breath.
Glistening tears that fell unpearled
On the velvet petals red,
To a hurried, careless world
Seemed pure beads of limpid dew.
Swift the woman turned away
From the glimpse across the hills,
Where the blurring shadows gray
Hid the world of her desire—
Thrice with brave lips kissed the rose,
Crying, "My rose has no thorn."

Gamma Phi at Wisconsin

BY ANNIE S. MCLENEGAN, GAMMA.

THESE words are written from the viewpoint of an observer, not an active member. The writer graduated from Wisconsin in '97, and returned this year for post-graduate work; so that comparisons and differences in her mind are inevitable. But it is happily in accord with the spirit of western progress in which we live, that these differences are wholly those of advance and improvement.

Sorority conditions here, to my mind, at least, seem to have been subtly influenced by university conditions. Wisconsin is in a period of development. The very size of the university and the beauty of its buildings are potent psychological influences toward the distinctive character of life here, its increased formality, the *politesse*, which up to this time has been supposed to belong to Eastern circles, exclusively. With an increasingly complex social system in the university goes a development of social consciousness in every part of that system. Development of sorority consciousness is the essence of what I write about Gamma, for a sorority without this consciousness is nothing but a club.

Seven years ago, the fraternity or sorority which kept house here, was an exception. Today the opposite is true. Any one knows that the simple gathering about one's own table for meals is essential to true family life; and in the same way sorority life is incomplete without it. Beside this simple, but powerful influence of change in Gamma's life, there are all the complex influences of university environment I have hinted at. Conspicuous among these, perhaps, is the Women's Self-government Association. It tends to emphasize the sorority as a unit, because sorority girls run as candidates for election to the board and there is much competition. Sorority life in Gamma seems regulated by a more or less well-defined code, not "Lap-penstance." As to the university, studies must be kept up as a

matter of individual pride and of sorority credit. However, Gamma might develop a closer relation than this to the university in other ways that the faculty would appreciate. Social obligations to the fraternities are formally paid by an annual party to which all "good men friends," town alumnæ, and pledged girls are invited. In that most trying time, rushing, the girls try to be quite fair, even though their rivals are not, it has been declared not etiquette in our house to indulge in "slams" at the other sororities, except in the privacy of one's room. From somewhere, during the last few years, has been evolved excellent business ability; the girls are more considerate of one another in little ways, and are kindness itself to one in sickness or trouble. Some of the best magazines are always on the chapter-room table, and we have often reformed our table talk so as to make it run in more intellectual channels, through their influence, perhaps.

Life here is tinged with a good deal of local color. The Wisconsin daughters of Gamma Phi sometimes use slang which might be dreadful if it were not so expressive. But is it not a great deal to have your mind made up so firmly that your acquaintance is either a "lobster," or a "peach"? Is it not a good thing to enjoy life so much that everything from a doughnut to a poet is "grand"?

Calls from men members of the faculty are no longer the objects of breathless interest that they used to be. Deep down in her heart, the Western Gamma Phi has a dread of Eastern superiority. Is she crude? Isn't she right? she anxiously asks herself. But her pride puts her on the defensive; and at the first suggestion of patronage, my dear Eastern sister, she would silently but thoroughly "size you up" for what you are worth.

As for sorority customs, it occurs to me to say that there is little exchange of hospitality between sororities here, not so much as there should be. In what has been done, however, Gamma is not behind others. But I am afraid it belongs to an

advanced altruistic stage of sorority consciousness to spend a good dinner on your rival.

The active membership of Gamma averages about twenty-two. Usually, the Freshmen live at Chadbourne Hall, the university dormitory, for the first semester, at least; and after that time they join the girls at the house, sooner or later. Our house is a large one and more expensive, perhaps, than if we were directly and solely concerned with the management. But we live very pleasantly. Of rushing, what shall be said? It is noticeable, I think, that the choice of girls becomes more particular every year. In other words, as the number of students increases, the societies become more conservative. But I do not mean that wealth and family position are the sole criterion with Gamma, by any means. Interesting in this connection was the refusal of the sororities here a short time ago to accept four by-laws of the Pan-Hellenic Association to regulate rushing. Instead, a committee was appointed to report on the evils of rushing from a local standpoint. The action shows a feeling that Western sorority life should develop along its own lines.

There has been very little graduate work done by Gamma. I believe I am almost alone in this. Most of the girls here are preparing to teach and many of the *alumnæ* are teachers. An interesting exception is one girl, who earns quite as good a living by art work, which is quickly bought up by the fraternities and by large stores in Chicago. Whatever the mode of it, activity is paramount in Gamma. One would say, superficially, that too much energy is spent in social life, but it does not seem to be wasted when one views the final product. The faculty of Wisconsin have always encouraged social life of the right kind. The Gamma girl is not a student, but she is well informed and critical,—almost too much so,—of herself and others. I do not think it can be said of her that she thinks clothes make the woman; but she considers them rather an important revelation of personality, some times.

The Gamma girl is neither a student nor a social "butterfly," but she has interpreted the ideals of Gamma Phi to mean something of both. At present, the social tendency in the chapter is not overdone. The average scholarship of the sorority is as high as that of any other here, and if marks are any indication, they show that the present chapter has the respect of the faculty. The ideal of the Gamma girl, whether she expresses it in so many words or not, is the girl who is able to do and to be, rather than to know things. She is practical before she is poetic; she is Western. Almost without exception, the girls who have gone away from here, have put their education to use in one form or another, as a matter of course. I think sorority consciousness is also shown in a greater spirit of generosity in chapter affairs. Some of the *alumnæ* deserve thanks in this, also. The local *Alumnæ* Association and the Milwaukee Association have interested themselves quite actively in Gamma, and will probably do more as Gamma does more for herself.

Gamma at Wisconsin has much before her. Though I think the chapter-type has become well fixed, it is sure to achieve a higher development when the three "ambitions" of the present chapter are realized: a house of their own, a loving cup and a bank account.

The development of chapter life since my time has been very marked. Not only is there more of it, but it is better in quality, in some respects. The chapter at present is especially harmonious in tastes and interests. The possession of wealthy members is often a doubtful blessing to a chapter; and there is no indication, at present, of any Gamma *alumnæ* who is going to play fairy god-mother, though a splendid opportunity of doing so is open to her. But it accords better with known principles of success that if Gamma ever does realize these three ambitions, she will do so by her own efforts.

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A Zeta Song

There is a frat of great renown,
A frat that's known to fame;
And North and South, and East and West
You'll find her just the same.
Her members all with loyalty,
Will shout the same old cry—
Oh, come what may, we'll always say,
All's well with Gamma Phi.

When Freshmen come to college,
And they want to make a hit;
It's always in the third floor den
They try to manage it.
And every Tuesday afternoon,
With heads held very high
They flock around to Fensal Hall,
To reek out, Gamma Phi.

And when at night the crescent moon,
Is shining for our frat,
We all look up and thank our stars
That we are part of that.
While trying hard, the others
Are still beneath the sky,
Above them floats triumphantly
The moon for Gamma Phi.

CHORUS—Oh, Gamma Phi! Oh, Gamma Phi!
The others can't be like her if they try;
She's so progressive, and quite impressive
Is Gamma, Gamma, Gamma, Gamma Phi.

Is Sentimentality in Co-Education Increasing?

THE little god with the winged arrows pricked up his ears and listened, "Is sentimentality in co-educational institutions increasing?" He would investigate. Unaffrighted by collegiate walls, he sniffed at the bookish atmosphere, and peered into every corner of the college world.

After dancing parties he searched the pockets of the college lads expectantly. Hélas! Not a rosebud—no dainty glove—no perfumed fan—not even a bit of ribbon from my lady's gown. Alarmed, the little god hastened to listen to the confidences of the college maidens, who, with all femininity are most communicative when hairpins are loosened. With a shiver and a shock the little god heard the critical analysis of many men. The little maiden, new to college scenes, who dared to speak with unqualified praise of an Adonis-appearing youth, to whom she had graciously given more than his share of dances at first meeting, was shown startling portions from "Cuts and Grinds" in last year's Syllabus, which showed her that others did not see him with her eyes. Disillusioned, the little maiden tore away the rosy veil which had so perverted her vision. She was further informed of this same man's stupidity in classes, by a maiden who was in his sections in three subjects. This maiden who had learned by much experience the art of padding her own meager knowledge, gave a cordial invitation to the inexperienced one to attend these sections the following day, and laugh with her at the blunders of less clever masculinity—all this missionary work in order to nip the suspected flowering of sentiment.

The little god listened further to detailed accounts of so-called friendships, which had in them so much of what was either distressingly near the Platonic, or that which was only a sham—a clever pretense at real affection, that he groaned in despair.

The little god investigated thoroughly. He found every type. There was the girl who made a mark on the stick of her fan

whenever she enrolled a new victim. With surprise the little god noted the number was only thirty-three. After this type, he was not amazed to find the lad who cut hieroglyphics upon his pipe, indicating conquests numbering forty-nine, since his freshman year. He watched with interest the acquaintance of these two, and saw in its development, a typical "college affair." Both of them vowed that never before had they met affinity. Each of them played a clever role, finding in dismay at the end that neither had a broken heart.

With more respect, but with no less impatience, the little god looked upon the youth, stern of purpose, absorbed in prosaic mathematical problems, oblivious to the feminine flutter about him. Quite as hopeless was the energetic maiden with pre-occupied expression, too intent upon English themes to remember the art of blushing or the charm of a pretty gown.

He shook his head over the gay, sensible comradeship of the average college woman and man, watching them do translations together, listening to their unromantic conversations with a troubled spirit.

The little god hugged his precious arrows close and hurried away, full of wrath and pitying scorn—yet underneath in the depths of his soul was the generous wish that the college world might soon receive the magic touch that would awaken it.—A. A. H. in *The Northwestern*.



The Executive Message

Sorority Spirit

MY dictionary defines the spirit of this text as "enthusiasm, earnestness, courage and the like"; observation and experience teach that when these worthy attributes abound in sorority life, discretion should be the guiding and restraining principle.

Consider for a moment, what such a condition would signify in our relations with others.

The time-worn saying, "No one harms me with impunity," belongs to a day when the gauntlet was easily thrown and quickly avenged. Its spirit is narrow and self-centered. The sentiment certainly should not prevail in a college life where it is the privilege of any and every sorority to so govern itself that *no one can truthfully say aught that will harm.*

The striving for such an enviable position might also have its reaction in a careful consideration of evidence, before pronouncing judgment upon the acts of others.

It is for the purpose of inter-sorority communication and coöperation that the Pan-Hellenic Association has been formed. Great possibilities for broad mindedness and liberalism lie within its scope, but dangers lurk there also. A broken compact is worse than no compact at all. May Gamma Phi Beta in this association with others show loyalty without bigotry, fidelity without compromise.

Then there comes a still closer relation in the spirit of chapter to chapter, sister to sister. Promises may be quickly made and pledges lightly spoken, but the fact remains that many a girl's college life has been shaped and her future influenced by her sorority.

If to no other period is held out so much of hope and promise as to the young college woman, then also to no other time ought the pledge of sisterhood to be more sacred and binding. An adopted relationship, in which should mingle differences without discord, opinion without prejudice, and above all else, love without hypocrisy.

As flake by flake falls the mighty avalanche, so the spirit of each individual member has its own weight and form in establishing the proportions and momentum of a sorority spirit.

Let one who is old enough to be a mother to some and a sister to all, while rejoicing in the splendid record of the past, suggest that prosperity demands progress, and progress requires spirit.

We have hitched our wagon to a star; may each sister in Gamma Phi Beta contribute her portion of loyal, liberal spirit so that the wheels may neither creak nor drag!

MINNIE CURTIS DINSMORE.

Syracuse Alumnæ.

Editorials

FROM all those so fortunate as to be members of a national fraternity, a votive of thanksgiving is offered up for the privileges contained therein and for the benefits derived. We appreciate the bonds from which nothing can sever and are willing to share in this with those whom are deemed eligible and worthy. As we have definite standards from which we never swerve, but demand the candidate to meet, so it seems that we should have certain others. We are looked upon as a fortunate body of the student world, and in no case is it heard that honor is not attached to such membership. However, in spite of this we feel that we must do the "rushing" and court the ones with whom we are willing to share the advantages of our fraternity. In the outside world we find that those things which hold up the highest standard and do little or no seeking for candidates are the ones most courted, and most respected. While we do not think that we engender less respect, however we believe that if any wooing must be done it should be by the other party and then the honors gained would bear more weight. Many a time a student has felt flattered and in consequence has not received the invitation of a fraternity with the meaning it should convey, and when admitted he has not proven the true, loyal and serviceable member he should. The conference upon inter sorority regulations which has been meeting in Chicago should be productive of much good and we trust that the fraternities will grow to realize that they are what is sought after and that an invitation alone, after they have found the candidate worthy, which need not be done by the various means of rushing, should be greatly appreciated by the one whom they are honoring with their pin.

THE merit which we may receive for anything accomplished does not only reflect its glory upon us as individual members, but upon our chapter and upon the sorority as a whole. And without our special endeavors nothing will crown Gamma Phi with success. Therefore our ambitions need not have a selfish motive, for we desire not to serve ourselves, but rather Gamma Phi Beta. Thus every act on our part must needs benefit or detract from the ideal of our sorority, and too great thought cannot be given as to what we do and how. As individuals we are all loathe to do anything which will not give full measure of credit to our chapter, and it cannot be gainsaid that we do not have an equal desire of doing full justice to our national organization. As stated times arrive we are made aware that our Quarterly is about to be published, and we are conscious of the fact that it cannot appear without our communication. But as there is a fortnight ahead of us we will let that slip until, indeed, past the time for it to be in the editor's hands and then in haste scratch a few items, most of which should be included in the personals, since they are purely that rather than the record of the chapter, and they are sent out through the post to reach the editor, who has been compelled to do injustice to the other chapters by keeping them waiting for the issue, because some are so thoughtless as to defer sending their communications. We have not been informed of the fact that this is the manner in which the chapter letters are prepared, but some bear this aspect and we regret that others are as conscious of this fact as is the editor. Then let us do what we are confident will be a credit to all, for the care exercised will be greatly outweighed by the credit done to Gamma Phi, in maintaining her standard.



FROM our Delta sisters comes a little rebuke not only to those active now, but to all of us who have been actives and have laid off the duties of college. We read in her last



letter, that "The Wednesday before Christmas we had a Christmas tree for sixteen little children of the 'other half' who would have had no share in the happy season." They told us simply that we might share in the joy which they had gathered from this occasion. But though we have read it with a little joy, it has not been without more or less regret that in some way, either as chapters or individuals, we had not done something of that kind, that our joy might be greater. For many of us the lack of time seems satisfying and self-sufficient excuse, but can we say that we have less than do these girls, and if so, do we not have even a little time in which we can forget ourselves and our own interests and do some little act? This little season of joy giving on the part of our active girls seemed so unusual and therefore to be remarked about, but it is within the power of all our chapters to institute such customs to be carried out year by year. Such acts cannot help but broaden our lives, and in the laying off the mantle of selfishness for a time, we are fitting ourselves for better service to our fraternity and all its members.



WE can but heartily commend the little contribution on "Alumnæ Interest" in *Agora*. If it does not appeal to all to the extent of moving us to respond, it will not gain its end. Though we may be reticent in telling our own accomplishments, let us not be equally reticent and seem indifferent to the achievements of our sisters, with which we become acquainted. The easiest and simplest manner to make known the news is to send it to *THE CRESCENT*, where all may share in the enjoyment of the knowledge. Aid *THE CRESCENT* in being alive to the whereabouts of her alumnæ, by sending in newspaper clippings of births, marriages, engagements and any personal matters pertaining to Gamma Phis.

Then, too, do it when the items are fresh, so that they may appear in the next issue. A little promptness on the part of our contributors will serve to give a freshness to our news and let-

ters, whereas delays on the part of a few make the reading seem like ancient history. We are reminded of knowing of a fraternity quarterly having been received six weeks after the date of publication, and inside the cover found the note that all the news was to be in the editor's hands the first of the month previous to the date of publication. Very elementary mathematics will show the number of days that had passed since the news had been written and the magazine was received by the readers. Such has never been the case with us, but we would urge more promptness on the part of some.



SINCE the January number appeared, the editors and Zeta Chapter have received many words of kindly criticism and they have aided not a little. Our common bond of fellowship has been strengthened and though the editor thought that her readers were far away, now they have a more tangible appearance, and this issue is sent to friends who entertain a feeling of sympathy and that not an unkindly one. To each and every note we should like to have responded personally and directly, but we found that an impossibility, and we trust that this will be accepted, with the gratitude it bears.



THIS year's initiates will receive the March and June numbers by forwarding fifty cents to THE CRESCENT, Box 523, Columbus, Ohio.

Agora

This Department is open to all, and it is hoped that both Alumnae and Actives will send in their contributions. The names will not be published, but the Editor asks that the name be signed.

Alumnæ interest

THE interest of the alumnæ is essential to the success of THE CRESCENT. On the one hand they must be interested by the magazine. On the other, they must give interest to the magazine. The one cannot be accomplished without the other.

The average alumnæ is more interested in the chapter news concerning old friends than in any other portion of the Quarterly. In many instances, this is her only means of learning the whereabouts and the activities of former associates. These bits of news cause eager anticipation on her part for each issue of THE CRESCENT and insure her permanent subscription to this periodical.

Such news, however, cannot be obtained without coöperation. The editors (with the exception of those belonging to alumnæ chapters) cannot be expected to know what is happening to those of us whom they seldom see and, in many cases, never meet. Their only resource is to ask for information. Surely, we who greatly desire it and alone can supply it should readily respond.

To facilitate this coöperation, it is suggested that the chapters supply their respective editors with double postal cards, designed for such purposes. On one postal the editor can ask an alumnæ for any personal or chapter news and on the other (already addressed for replying) the information can be returned. These cards should be issued every quarter to all the alumnæ and should be encouraged by prompt responses. By this method we can exchange benefits with the friend and supporter of our national unity—our magazine.

Concerning Expansion

I SING not of expansion political, commercial or religious, but fraternal. It seems to a few of us Gamma Phis (heretics, perhaps, unworthy the name) that conservatism or a certain obstinate something that is called conservatism is too often made to cover a multitude of delays and refusals that are a libel of that excellent quality. Conservatism always likes to be linked with aristocracy, and as we are somewhat inclined to be aristocrats because we are select, we crawl into our shells and hold our breath and cry that we believe in conservatism. I am merely contending that this fear of a dreadful catastrophe following any definite action and the obstinacy that will not admit of anyone being quite good enough to be a Gamma Phi, is not worthy to be called conservatism.

All of us as Gamma Phis feel that we have the good of the sorority at heart. If we had not we would be disloyal indeed. There may be those who are so zealous that their enthusiasm runs away with their good judgment, but it is my candid opinion that this is not the distinguishing trait of our sorority—quite the opposite. And this little preachment is to urge our girls to a more liberal policy. Years may pass in our history and not a single new charter is granted and now we have in all eleven active chapters. All of these I am sure we are very proud of, but we should have had more to be proud of.

We want to rid ourselves of the ultra-critical attitude which we all are apt to acquire as undergraduates—especially as frat girls—and develop a more kindly, liberal and unprejudiced feeling toward other colleges than our own. Surely we wish many more of those worthy could share with us all the joys, pleasures, helpfulness and opportunities for services that we have all enjoyed within our dear sorority. So let us work with ever increasing energy, not ceasing to watch the growth of each chapter nor neglecting the good opportunities to increase our chapter roll.



On Writing Notes

“O H, I can’t bother to write,” said some one the other day; “if it’s too long to telegraph I just let it go.” I wonder how many girls have a sneaking sympathy with the frank speaker, who “hate to write notes,” and “don’t have time for letters.” And yet, they are ill for a few days, and in the midst of a severe attack of the “blues,” a note—just a few lines to say how sorry someone is, with maybe a delightfully funny poem appropriate to the situation—comes from one of the girls, and the blues vanish at the consciousness that someone cares enough to say she’s sorry. Or, they have had a story published in a “big” magazine—these busy girls, who don’t bother to write notes—and an appreciative little congratulatory paean makes the triumph all the sweeter. Or they are away—too far for meetings, too far to see “the girls”—and have bitter moments when they seem to be drifting away from the old, close companionship; when Gamma Phi doings seem very dim and far away. And then comes a fat letter from some one *not* too busy to write, whose bits of cheerful gossip bring back the dear faces, and the old love is thus proved real by some one who is not too busy to care. Our sorrow blots out the sound of friends’ voices, the touch of friends’ hands for a time, and the stricken girl shudders at the *loneliness* of grief. And in the midst of her numbed fear she reads a line of sympathy—a note of broken, loving phrases, that from their very simplicity show how touched with kindred grief the writer must have been; and it is like a warm, human hand-clasp to one groping in the dark alone.

It didn’t take long to write any one of those notes, but it took unselfishness—interest in others—to think of them, and to think of the many others; prompt business-answers with every detail correct in the fewest, clearest words; jolly steamer letters; and the steady strain of regular, newsy letters that keep the far-distant together. Let THE CRESCENT ask its readers who “haven’t time to bother over notes” to think of the times when a letter has meant many pleasant things to them, and then honestly to ask themselves, “Is it worth while?”

Chapter Letters

ALPHA

ALPHA, as a chapter, has done little of interest since we sent the last chapter letter.

Our chief attention has been centered upon the rushing and pledging of our Freshmen. We gave several parties to them between Christmas and the end of the second semester, and then pledged them on the first Friday of the second semester.

We now have ten fine girls pledged. Two of them have Gamma Phi Beta sisters—Mildred Webb, whose sister, Mrs. Grace Webb Edgecomb, was the Alpha Alumnæ correspondent of THE CRESCENT for two years, and Gladys Dryer, whose sister, Ruth, has charge at present of the art department of Ohio Wesleyan University, while the regular head of the department, Sarah Veeder, also an Alpha girl, is studying in Europe.

The names of the pledgelings are as follows: Birgitta Moran, '06, Lyons, N. Y.; Mildred Webb, '07, Syracuse; Laura Wilbur, '07, Syracuse; Marian Edwards, '07, Syracuse; Grace Eaton, '07, Eaton, N. Y.; Mary Supplee, '07, Erie, Pa.; Agnes Avery, '07, Groton, N. Y.; Gladys Dryer, '07, Rochester, N. Y.; Elizabeth Opp, '07, Plymouth, Pa.; Jane Snyder, '07, Buffalo, N. Y. We are much pleased with these fruits of our labors, and believe that they are all going to prove loyal sisters, well worthy of membership in Gamma Phi Beta.

We are planning to give our annual donation party soon. The entertainment is in the hands of the sophomores, from whom we expect a clever program.

Several of the old girls have been back to visit us at the Chapter House this year. Among them were Irma Schoepflin, Leola S. Jermy, Irma Hard and Louise Hill, all 1903 girls;

Mary Bingham, Clara Bingham Collins, Elizabeth Mason and Alice and Gertrude Gaggin.

All the Alpha girls read the January number of THE CRESCENT with pride, and we hope great things from so auspicious a beginning.

BETA

BETA congratulates the editor of THE CRESCENT on the last edition, and also Alice Sloane Dimmick for her very artistic and appropriate cover design.

We haven't much to contribute this time in the way of news, as examinations are just over and every one knows that they mean work, good hard work, and lots of it. But now that they are over we breathe a sigh of relief.

One of the prettiest private parties of the season was given by one of our pledged girls, Maizie Wheeler. It was a dinner-dance, to which all of the girls were invited. The great social event of the year at Ann Arbor, the Junior Hop, is just over and at it Gamma Phi was exceedingly well represented, both active and alumnæ.

We enjoyed a visit the past two weeks from one of our pledg-lings, Caroline Johnston, who hopes to be able to come to college next year.

On Washington's Birthday we have our annual fancy dress party. This is always one of the pleasantest occasions of the college year, as a good many of our alumnæ came back and the mothers of the town girls are invited.

GAMMA

GREETINGS and love from Gamma to each and every Gamma Phi.

It is with great anticipation that the Gamma girls look forward to the coming numbers of THE CRESCENT, for we are always more than interested in what our sisters are doing. However, Gamma has very little of importance to report for this issue, but if any one of you should ask a Gamma girl for the most

exciting moment of these past two months, she would tell you of the fire which broke out in the Gamma Phi house one cold December morning. About 6 o'clock the maids very kindly announced to us that the house was afire, which was not hard for us to realize when we saw the volumes of black smoke pouring up between the cracks of the floor. For the first time we began to think how dear everything was to us, but there was little time to think of all this and in a few moments sixteen girls arrayed in bath robes and holding tight to their pocket-books and Gamma Phi pins, started for the nearest neighbors. However, our clothes were not long in following, for from every window there were firemen hurling after us everything they could put their hands on. It was not an unusual thing to see our wearing apparel hanging on near-by fences or to find white chiffon hats and party coats in some side street. After a short time of excitement the fire was put out and we were happy to find that some of the rooms were still habitable.

The next week, amid the poundings of the carpenters and the horrible smell of smoke, the girls were obliged to study for examinations. After this trying week was over every one was hustling in preparation for the Junior Prom, which was to take place on February 12. The prom is the big party of the year at Wisconsin, and is always anticipated with an unusual amount of pleasure by the students. On the morning after the party the Gamma Phi girls gave a buffet luncheon for visiting friends and rushees, and that night we pledged Miss Ethel Rose, who is a daughter of Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, and who enters the university next fall.

The best of good wishes to you all.

DELTA

GREETINGS to all our sisters. In looking back over the past few months I was quite astonished to see how Delta had subsided from the gaiety of the fall. Her patron sprite seems to have doffed the cap and bells that she jingled so

merrily in the early year, for the staid sobriety befitting mid-year examinations. I know that we all value the earnest study and endeavor attendant even upon mid-years, far higher than the more cheerful hours that make our fraternity life so enjoyable, and yet we don't like to hear about it. Strange, isn't it? However, with the new semester Delta bids fair to return to folly, for above mentioned sprite does love at times to hide her studious countenance under the mask of a jester.

Not long ago one of our seniors gave a tea under false pretenses. We were enticed to the rooms in expectation of some mysterious, rare, and wholly wonderful form of "tea" and found instead a deep-laid plot to make us thoroughly ransack the rooms and put them in order. However, the delightful spread that rewarded our labors and the bushel of flowers that a kind friend sent in quite reconciled us to the conspirators.

The Friday before Valentine day we had a "theatre supper." At least that is what we called it, although the only theatre connected with it was a college theatrical which our party followed. We each brought remembrances (home made ones) for every one else, and with games and much merriment we paid the compliments of the day to good St. Valentine.

At present Delta is deep in plans for future frivolity. We have accepted an invitation for a party at the new chapter house of Beta Theta Pi, and are making preparations for our mother's tea and our annual play. We expect that to be a grand success and I will tell you about it in my next letter.

Before closing I must remind you that we, that is, Boston University, has a new president, Dr. Huntington, formerly our dean, having the honor. He is dear to the whole university and Delta, as no doubt does every one in college feel that she has a very special share in his kindness.

EPSILON

HERE'S to the little New Year. May his laughter be long and frequent—his tumbles and bumps be few. Epsilon holds her glass high with confident hand and drinks with a hope

which she knows every sister chapter shares. Thus far the year has been full of gratifying results of past work and pleasant anticipation of future plans.

We all subsided very soon after our returns from Christmas visits, and began working in earnest for the "mid-years" which every Northwestern student has reason to dread. This year the exs. were even more severe than usual and those who had burned the midnight and wee-hour oil were not sorry when the formidable questions were given out. There was the usual amount of encouragement and consolation to be given the freshmen who went through the ordeal very creditably, notwithstanding many tearful forebodings.

After the strain was over and we had had a few extra naps we entered into the gaiety always indulged in during the few days intervening semesters. We enjoyed a delightful luncheon at Josephine Russell's home at Stratford Place, Chicago, after which we had a different sort of feast at the Thomas concert. The privilege of these concerts and of the best theatres is very much appreciated by everyone of us, and we are thankful every week after hearing some fine production that our university is so happily located that this is possible.

Our Valentine party on February 13 proved to be a red-letter occasion. We gave the party at the home of Bernice and Ethel Works. None of the girls were visible when the men arrived. Mrs. Works and Mrs. Berry received them and gave each a heart attached to a silken cord. By these cords, intertwined from attic to basement, the men finally found their partners for the first dance. The girls were concealed in all sorts of places—trunk-rooms, closets, dark stairways—even in the laundry-room. After this dance the programs, in huge envelopes, were distributed and the matching of the different designs caused a great deal of exciting fun. To the music of violin and guitar we danced until the real Valentine hour.

The Pan-Hellenic meeting was called here by Alphi Phi very soon after vacation, but nothing definite has yet been decided

upon in regard to pledge day and to each sorority.

Laura Wilberton is having the girls this week while she is in M. We are hoping to have several formal party later.

Epsilon wishes increasing pro from Alpha to Lambda.

ZETA

TO all the sister chapters in greetings.

It has been almost impossible for down to real hard work again, since just swept over our city. Fortunately none of our college buildings have of our friends have been "burned" and talk about anything else.

However, when we awoke one just exactly one month until pledge ourselves and started in again. Last were given a "Valentine Hunt"—a and fun when a cunning little valent to hunt further. The heart-shaped in the ices and cakes and decoration was decided by all that Helen Din were ideal hostesses.

A Valentine luncheon was given freshmen, I believe it must have been girls allowed together at the same decorated with festoons of red formed a most conspicuous part of one of the most successful and delightful this year.

There are several things scheduled for this week, and everybody is working hard. Miss Smart and Miss Fisher will give a Colonial tea on Washington's Birthday. Our "one function" will be given in March. It will consist of a progressive dinner, followed by a play. The next important date will be the 12th of March, after which we will be most pleased to introduce these much-talked about new Gamma Phis with our compliments, and sincerely hope you will be "pleased to make their acquaintance."

So wishing all the chapters a most prosperous and successful semester, Zeta bids you "au revoir."

ETA

ETA sends greetings to her sister chapters. The interval that has just passed since our last letter has been quiet and studious. Since the holidays, however, rushing season has been on again and you know what that means. The winter rushing season follows so closely on the heels of the fall season that one feels inclined to agree with the old man who said "there's nothing sartin but death and taxes." Only our version would be "death and taxes and rushing."

We have pledged two girls, Alice Senger and Angeline Stansbury and will initiate them on the 8th.

As to frivolities, we have had our regular Christmas "jolly-up," when every one put a present on a belated Christmas tree; some informal afternoons at home and one dance. The dance was given in the chapter house, but on February 10 we gave another in Town and Gown Hall, which was a bigger affair in every way. It served to introduce our new freshmen who were then Gamma Phis of two days' standing.

One of our seniors, Margaret Henderson, has left '04 by graduating this last semester, six months ahead of the rest of us, but she has come back to do graduate work and will stay to see her class through.

We are very proud of our freshman class. They are a most energetic set and have quite the proper freshman spirit, that nothing is too much trouble.

Best of good wishes to you all.

THETA

MID-WINTER is the time for those delightful gatherings around the fireside, when nothing gives one more satisfaction than to sit before an open blaze and let work and worry be forgotten for an hour or two in the buzz of conversation which envelopes one. There has been no snow in Denver for such a lapse of time that there are dire prophesies of a drought next summer if our mountains are not stored up with the densely packed drifts which winter usually leaves, but the temperature has been low enough to make us take to the inside of the tram car on our way out to college, and the wind has been blowing for days at a time.

We want to tell you of our jolly little fireside gatherings in the Gamma Phi Club House. The fireside is an oil stove, glowing brightly in the center of the room, and Theta sits around in a circle. The first event was a Christmas party for the "House." Each girl brought something to make our den prettier—pillows, pictures and pennants, and Mrs. Drake gave fifty dollars toward a new piano. Clara and Janet gave an outfit for popping corn and the pan, spoon and popper are dragged forth every meeting—popcorn is almost as popular as peanuts and olives. The "Club House" does look pretty with all the new things in it.

After the piano came we thought the Pi Phis ought to see how cosy things were, so one afternoon after class they came for a visit and we had a sociable time over Welch rarebit and chocolate.

Sometimes after meeting we fold up the camp chairs and dance, and once even we indulged in a cake-walk! Gossip is tabooed at such times and there is more pleasure and profit in these informal home parties than at any of the large functions of our

college. They go to make up the little things which are so important a part of our lives.

IOTA

IOTA'S pent-up energies have well nigh been expended in rushing and exams, but she has retained enough vital force and good manners to say "howdy" to her sister chapters and to remark that she's glad to hear from them again and is proud of the privilege of once more lifting up her own voice in their midst.

During the holidays one of our girls who lives in the country entertained the rushees—if I may be permitted the use of such a word—at her home. The festivities took the form of a sleigh ride, the charms of which were enhanced, and, in fact, overtopped by the luncheon which awaited the guests on their return home. On the whole, I think the latter produced the most lasting impression.

During the two weeks following the Christmas holidays all formal entertainments were abandoned, while rushing and rushed crammed in enough information to satisfy the demands of exacting authorities who are too short sighted to realize that an increase of numbers in the noble band of Gamma Phi is more to be desired than great learning. However, the ordeal ended, as all troublesome things do, and we are free to follow our own devices once more.

We celebrated our regained freedom the following week with an evening party at the home of one of our girls here in the city. When I tell you that we invited more men than girls to begin with, that nearly all the men came while some of the girls didn't, you will realize that the party was a success.

Our fairy god-mother, the New York Alumnæ Chapter, has again stepped in with the gift of a theatre party. Her gifts are as generous as were those of Cinderella's guardian and there doesn't seem to be any time limit on them either.

Our last tea before pledge day will be held on the 20th of February, and then—it's kind of hard to feel perky when the end is so near.

Iota's letters always seem to have a sort of "continued-in-our-next" air, don't they? Like a serial story, they always leave off just at the point where the plot thickens—it's pretty thick, too, by the way, just now; but we assure our readers that the proposal and the time when all die lingering deaths or live happy ever after are both near at hand.

I'm afraid that this epistle does not at all follow the outlines of "The Complete Letter Writer," but from that instructive volume we once learned that a few words signifying regard at the end of a letter conveyed a pleasant impression to the mind of the reader. Now 'regard' is but a mild word compared with the feeling Iota bears toward you all. 'Tis her heart's best love she sends to all dear sisters who are in the land of Gamma Phi.

KAPPA

GREETINGS to all the sister chapters. If the Gamma Phis here were observed to be rather less prompt to classes than usual on a certain morning in January, it was our first issue of the new CRESCENT that was to blame. One could not help stopping just a moment to admire the cover design, and then to turn over the pages where there were more things to catch the eye and arrest the attention.

The sketch of the Ideal Gamma Phi by Miss Alice Higgins is worthy of being committed to memory by each one of us, that when we hear that time-worn injunction, "Hitch your wagon to a star!" we may feel that we have improved upon it to the extent of having selected the brightest possible star.

Mrs. Martha S. Chandler's song is a welcome addition to our list of rushing songs. When just among ourselves we are apt to stick rather closely to our old favorites, such as "Fidelity," "In Fair or Cloudy Weather," "Our Offering to Thee," etc., but

rushing demands variety, especially of the gay, rollicking sort of songs whose chief charm lies in their novelty.

It was delightful to read Lambda's first letter—it was so full of the enthusiasm and "Gamma Phi spirit" that makes for success. It was this "Gamma Phi spirit" that Kappa was admonished to cultivate in that dim past before she was Kappa, and we know whereof we speak.

A Pan-Hellenic association has recently been organized here at the university, composed of an active and an alumnæ member of each of the six sororities, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta and Gamma Phi Beta. The object of the organization is to improve rushing conditions, and a number of plans have been discussed, though nothing definite has as yet been accomplished.

A meeting of all the sorority women of the university was held at the Delta Gamma house on the afternoon of February 3 to hear Miss Paxon, traveling delegate for the Y. W. C. A. Miss Paxon is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and her talk on sorority life and what it should do for a girl was most inspiring. Besides the pleasure of meeting her we all enjoyed meeting each other in so friendly and informal a way, and we agreed that the occasion, though the first of its kind, should not be the last.

In conclusion, Kappa wishes every Gamma Phi, active and alumnæ, all possible good fortune, and so, farewell, until the next issue of THE CRESCENT.

LAMBDA

LAMBDA sends greetings to her sister chapters, and hopes that the new year promises as much happiness and good fortune as it does to her.

The year opened with our annual party, which was planned before the holidays. We aim to make this one of the chief social events and if modesty will allow us to repeat the flattering comments of kind friends, no affair of the year has surpassed it.

Our programs were in the sorority colors with the pin in raised gold on the outside. A unique feature of the evening was the music, which consisted of the two-steps and waltzes of the fraternities and sororities represented among our guests.

Have you ever seen a child of the slums on his first visit to the country as he beams his seraphic smile on every one around him and frequently ejaculates, "Whew, ain't this bully, bully?" This is Lambda in her new home. We stop so often to hug each other in our excess of joy and to egg each other on to the fullest appreciation of our new-found blessings, that such things as old-fashion lessons often suffer in the cause.

Through the generosity of the alumnæ and our friends we have been the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents, the most cherished of which are a piano and a complete set of Gamma Phi Beta silver.

Perhaps it is not wholly charity that prompts us to open our house to friends, but whatever the purpose we have had many little enjoyable affairs, in the way of card parties, oyster suppers, candy-pulls and all sorts of stunts that only girls can devise. But like the fabled woman of old, who the more she had the more she wanted, we are already planning to have a house built for us which will meet the growing demands of Lambda.

The following are the initiates of the year: Helen Russell, Amy Wheeler, Pansy Olney, Clara Bess Kaufman, Myrn Cosegrove, Jessie Mosegrove, Myra Smith, Jennie Hausman, Florence Finch, Ethlyn Coffman, Florence Coffman and Luila Knapp.

BOSTON

TO all the sister chapters in THE CRESCENT assembled, greeting from the hub of the universe.

The physical-scientifically inclined may remember that of all parts of a wheel, the center, or hub, moves most slowly. Alas! That it should be true with the afore-mentioned chapter! Our meetings were scheduled to occur the first Saturday in every

month, but the snowy demon that rules over the weather has held every first Saturday in his relentless grasp, and between snowstorms so deep there was no wading through them and the colds that this old-fashioned winter has brought in its train, the meetings, in point of numbers, at least, have not been wild successes, although five faithful souls did huddle around the hospitable fire in the worst January snowstorm this year.

Besides the aforesaid five, Hymen's torch has also been kindled, for on January 20, Marguerite Huntington Slater, '02, became Mrs. Raymond Seeley Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett is a Beta Theta Pi of Harvard and Chicago Universities. We are not to lose Mrs. Bartlett, for her home is in Franklin, Mass., not too far for meeting attendance.

Aside from wedding bells, the record of Boston Chapter reminds us of a question and answer from Twelfth Night:

Duke: "And what's her history?"

Viola: "A blank, my lord."

But the rest is not true, for Boston Chapter is always "telling her love," silently or in words. And we are always loyally yours, with Easter greetings.

CHICAGO

CHICAGO Alumnæ Chapter was very sorry indeed not have any letter in the last issue of THE CRESCENT. It was not at all through neglect that we failed to report, but through a series of misunderstandings that will not, we hope, occur again. Though we have no very startling things to tell you of, we like, at any rate, to send you all a little message to let you know we are thinking of you and are holding and enjoying our meetings as usual.

Our last meeting was held with Mrs. Augusta Durfee Flinterman, and about eight of us were present. We always go in time for luncheon and spend the whole afternoon together, for most of us have to come so far, across this great city, that we would have no time to visit if we merely spent the afternoon. Our

meetings are all very delightful to ourselves, but very hard to describe to others from the very fact that they are so much alike and so uneventful, except when some interesting piece of business comes up for discussion. Then I fear that the methodical and businesslike "active" girls would be horrified at our methods. We sit around in a circle—some doing fancy work, some very plain work indeed, and some always idle and content to watch the superior industry of the others. The presiding officer raps for order—with a thimble as likely as not—and after much effort the various lively discussions of baby clothes, styles, cooking, new books and the theatre, are checked—one can hardly say stopped—and the roll is called. This often requires considerable assistance, some comment and a few quiet jokes if the secretary is new to the business, for we have a formidable roll of sisters whom we love dearly, but who are seldom among the ten or twelve average attendants. Then the minutes are quickly disposed of, for nobody cares for them, and the business is announced. One would expect, from the long training we have had that motions would be made and seconded, discussed and passed. To be sure they are sometimes. But often we get no farther than a statement of the subject of interest. Then there breaks forth a babel of voices. All talk at once—explain, argue, enforce their remarks and listen to their neighbors at the same time. You may say this is not possible. Just come to one of our business meetings and see. But then we accomplish things just the same and find our method eminently satisfactory for an *alumnæ* chapter.

We enjoyed our first Zeta number of THE CRESCENT very much. The new "dress" is very becoming, and we hope this magazine will continue to grow and prosper.

MILWAUKEE

No letter.

NEW YORK ALUMNAE

THE New York Alumnæ exult in the improved CRESCENT of recent date, and desires to congratulate the editors upon their timely attention to cover and contents. This we say without any disparagement of past issues, for we keenly appreciate the labors of those who first struggled so successfully with the magazine problem, but that their initiative is so ably pushed forward is a source of great pride to us all. That Gamma Phi can write, we have always known, but the absolute proof in the literary columns is most gratifying. Rumors have come to us of what some were doing for other pages, with perhaps greater profit to themselves, but they surely cannot find elsewhere more sympathetic readers than are those of their own sorority. While we cannot promise much from our immediate group, we hope Iota, our particular pride and joy, may soon reveal to the society at large some of the literary talent with which she is richly endowed. We have never failed to find ourselves well entertained when she has played the hostess. Not long ago we were summoned by her to the home of one of her most hospitable members in the following terms: "The vessel 'Iota' of the fleet 'Gamma Phi Beta' is hailed for February the fifth. She will anchor at the home of Miss Winterburn. Will you please come aboard at half-past eight in the evening." I assure you we were delighted to go aboard and felt no doubt at the evening's end, but that we were on "the winner" in the rushing race for as delightful freshmen as are to be found in Barnard.

On the last Saturday in January we held our regular meeting with Austie Taylor Goreth in East Orange. Mrs. Goreth was entertaining her sister, Georgiana Taylor Carpenter, at the time, and this gave to all Alpha girls the pleasure of a reunion with one of our best loved members. Mrs. Carpenter sang for us a song composed, both words and music, by Mrs. Goreth. Perhaps THE CRESCENT might persuade Mrs. Goreth to forward it for publication.

On February 20 we meet with May Reed Murray in Newark, where we trust to see evidence that our more frequent meetings may help us to welcome those Gamma Phis who from time to time visit New York.

At our last meeting Elizabeth Sill Banard (Zeta) decided Asbury Park was near enough to our meeting ground to make it possible for her to become a member of the Association. Alpha and Delta girls are much pleased to find their position thus becoming less of a monopoly.

We have felt sincere sympathy for Emma Lowd (Delta) in the loss of her father, and also for Florence Clifford Savage, whose little daughter was recently taken.

SAN FRANCISCO

No letter.

SYRACUSE

WE hope the new year finds all the chapters as busy and happy as the Syracuse Alumnæ.

The anticipated holiday gathering with Mrs. E. Addie Curtiss was very delightful. We were glad to welcome back Blanche Knapp, '99; Gertrude Andrews, '97; Lucy Babcock, '03. The rumors of several weddings in the near future and the news the out-of-town girls brought us added a little spice to our happy time.

Rushing has been the chief interest for some time. Several of the alumnæ have entertained for the girls. Emogene Day gave a tea, Mrs. Florence Bailey Crouse a luncheon and Mrs. Florence Palmer Baker a salmagundi party. The alumnæ attended the tea and the party, so we had an opportunity of meeting the freshmen, and now that pledge day is over we are very glad to welcome them with best wishes for a happy life in Gamma Phi Beta.

Just one word about THE CRESCENT. We have enjoyed every bit of it from cover to cover and wish to congratulate Zeta on her fine beginning.

Personal

Ruth Drake, Theta, has left college.

Helen Griffith, Kappa, is studying at Bryn Mawr.

Every alumnæ is urged to contribute to this department.

Jeannette Perry, Lambda, '04, is at Smith College this year.

Mrs. Winifred Sunderland Haggett, Lambda, has a daughter.

Janet Kevand, Alpha, '01, is now teaching in Fort Plain, N. J.

Florence Beach, Iota, is studying art in New York City this winter.

Sadie Preston, Kappa, is teaching in the Lake City grammar school.

Ethel White, Lambda, '00, is principal of the Fairhaven High school.

Fanny Marks, Theta, a pledge of last year, has returned again to college.

Helen Eager, Delta, '07, is engaged to Mr. Devigne of Newton, Mass.

Emogene Day, Alpha, is traveling in Florida with Mrs. Esther Baker Steele.

Lorena McFarlane, Kappa, is principal of the High school in Burabak, Minn.

Ethel Hall, Kappa, is teaching in the Hamline grammar school, St. Paul.

Dr. Caroline Colver, Beta, '00, has been visiting at the chapter house in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Mary Brittingham, Gamma, is traveling with her husband through Egypt and Sicily.

Ava Dodson, Lambda, '03, has the Department of English in the Fairhaven High school.

The engagement is announced of Bessie Gordon, Delta, '04, to Mr. Albert Harrington of Lynn.

Several of Lambda's alumnæ girls visited her at the chapter house to attend the large party.

Edith Adams, Lambda, '06, was unable to return to college this year on account of poor health.

Edith Boughton, Theta, has come back this term. She is having no more trouble with her eyes.

The engagement of Carrie Hosie, Beta, to Mr. Milo A. White, Phi Kappa Psi, was announced in January.

Merriam Ernhout, Alpha, '00, has recovered from a long illness resulting from an operation for appendicitis.

Gertrude Miller Beta, '02, has recently announced her engagement to Mr. B. Sherwood of Grand Haven.

Bess McKain, an ex-'04 Zeta girl, spent a few days in the city with Frances Robbins during the Vassar mid-years.

Alice Gardiner and Ruby Brown, both of the class of '02, Lambda, are teaching in the Everett High school.

Miss Laura Wilberton, of Epsilon Chapter, attended the Junior Prom last week and remained with us a day.

Lillian A. Tefft, ex-'99, Zeta, was married to Mr. Charles Keneger, October 30, 1903. They are now living in California.

Miss Josephine Ross, Gamma, of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Miss Grace Gibson, Gamma, of De Pere, Wis., visited us last week.

Zoe Kincaid, Lambda, '01, is society editor and dramatic critic of the Post-Intelligencer, one of Seattle's leading newspapers.

Lua Noyes, Alpha, has been called from New York, where she was studying music, to attend her mother, who is ill in a Buffalo sanitarium.

On March 4 the Beacon Literary Club, connected with the university, presented "A Bit of Deception," written by Maisie B. Whiting, Delta, '04.

Jane Sherzer, Beta, and Violet Jayne, Beta, attended the Convention of Modern Languages in Ann Arbor, held during the Christmas holidays.

Marguerite Slater, Delta, an alumna, was married to Mr. Raymond Bartlett on January 20. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett will reside in Franklin, Mass.

At the dinner given by Maizie Wheeler, Beta, at her home in Ann Arbor, her engagement was announced to Mr. Ernest C. Von Ammon, Beta Theta Pi.

The Old South Historical Society of Boston presented this winter a historical drama, "Anne Hutchinson," of which Esther Willard Bates, Delta, '05, was joint author.

Mrs. Eleanor Ogier Street, Zeta, of Belair, Md., called on Zeta a couple of weeks ago. Her visit has long been expected and we were very glad to have her here at last.

The engagement of Miss Jessie Westlake, Gamma, to Dr. Young, of Madison, has been announced recently. Miss Westlake pledged to Gamma Phi Beta last year.

Mrs. Mira Haven Draper, Alpha, '79, who entered missionary work in Japan in '80, has returned to this country to educate her children. She will probably reside in Syracuse.

The engagement is announced of Alma Frances Groves, Zeta, of Wilmington, Del., to Rev. Charles Howland Cookman, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, Middletown, N. Y.

Anna Reed Palmer, one of Zeta's charter members, is spending several weeks in the city. Zeta is always especially glad to welcome her charter members, and wishes that they would come oftener.

Lillian Johnson, Gamma, '99, was married at her home in Decorah, Iowa, January 29, to Mr. Ivan A. Thorson. Mr. and Mrs. Thorson are now at home at 440 Second street, N. E., Minneapolis.

Several engagements of the Alpha girls have been announced: Emily Wells, '98, to Frederick Simmons, of Chicago; Mary Jane Munro, '01, to Philip Will, of Rochester, N. Y.; Lida French, to Earl Thurston, of Syracuse, N. Y.

Florence Shaw, Gamma, '01, who has been teaching in Washburn, Wis., has not returned to her school since Christmas, owing

to the illness and subsequent death of her father, Mr. W. K. Shaw. She will remain at home for the rest of the winter.

A social club has been formed among the graduates of the university living on College Hill, Syracuse. Several Gamma Phis and their husbands belong, among them being: Professor and Mrs. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Edgecomb, Dr. and Mrs. Dammon. Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Johnson and Professor and Mrs. Flick.



Creek News

Delta Delta Delta established a chapter at Barnard College June 9.

On May 15 Delta Gamma installed a chapter at the State University of Washington.

A chapter of Pi Beta Phi was established at the University of Minnesota, in November.

Pi Beta Phi established her Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter, December 21, 1903, at Dickinson College.

This year, the pledging restrictions which have been binding upon the fraternities at Swarthmore, have been removed.

Kappa Alpha Theta chartered a chapter at Vanderbilt University recently. This chapter was formerly the local society, Phi Kappa Upsilon.

Kappa Alpha Theta has placed her seal of disapproval upon inter-fraternity fraternities and hereafter only by special permission will allow her members to join such organizations.

Miss Caroline Comly, of Swarthmore, was elected editor-in-chief of their quarterly, the *Kappa Alpha Theta*. Miss Edith Cockins, who was formerly editor, was chosen treasurer of the fraternity.

During the past summer Pi Beta Phi purchased a house at Wisconsin. The cost of this house, \$10,000, was raised by the sale of 5 per cent. interest bearing bonds. The "rent" will be devoted to paying off the interest and taking up the bonds.

Beta Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, at St. Lawrence, recently refused to be put out of the fraternity; went to law, and successfully defended its contention in the courts. Though it established the right to stay, it has gone out, and is now known as Zeta Phi and intends establishing additional chapters.

The \$50 prize for an essay on "The Effect of the Fraternity on College Life," offered by the New York City Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, has been awarded to Fletcher B. Wagner, a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and now a student at Harvard. The judges were ex-President Grover Cleveland, Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews. The prize is to be increased to \$200 next year. Candidates for baccalaureate degrees in any American college are eligible.—*New York Sun*, October 28, 1903.

"Twixt Greek and Barb," by William C. Levere, is an American novel which deals with fraternity life in one of our colleges. It contains in its plot an account of the contention between Barb and Greek for election, bidding a freshman, initiating the victim, a cane rush, etc. The *Chicago Times-Herald* says of the story: "It sets the blood a-tingling," while the *Chicago Evening Post* declares that "Mr. Levere's book is a revelation. It is of much interest to all those in college and those out. It is artistically bound and can be obtained for one dollar and a quarter from W. S. Lord, publisher, Evanston, Illinois.



Our Contemporaries in Black and White

We acknowledge the receipt of exchanges as follows:

Delta Upsilon Quarterly for December.

The Anchora, of Delta Gamma, for January.

The Shield, of Theta Delta Chi, for December.

The Arrow, of Pi Beta Phi, for November and January.

The Phi Gamma Delta for November, December and February.

The Alpha Phi Quarterly for November and February.

Kappa Alpha Theta for January.

The Rainbow, of Delta Tau Delta, for January.

Shortly after our return occurred the death of Miss Elizabeth Smalley, S. U., '03, only daughter of the honored Dean of Liberal Arts. We greatly sympathize with the family and with Gamma Phi Beta, of which Miss Smalley was a member. She was a rarely beautiful girl and had a host of friends in college and city, who mourn her untimely death.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

Gamma Phi Beta held its annual convention in Denver at the Adams hotel November 10th to 13th. We tried to get a day for a reception, but the program was full and so we had to be content with sending a large bunch of yellow and white chrysanthemums with our greetings. We were invited to the reception for fraternity women and met their delegates.—*The Arrow Correspondent, Colorado Alpha*.



WHAT THE FRATERNITY SHOULD MEAN TO ITS MEMBERS

“FIRST of all, it should mean an organization of very definite high ideals and purposes, to which it demands absolute loyalty. Through a long and worthy history of many years it has stood consistently for this high standard of thought and life, has enrolled a most honorable membership, and won a record for fairness and broad-mindedness of which it may well be proud. These are things that should be burned into the very consciousness of every member, initiated and prospective.

“But fast on privilege follow duty and responsibility, and this fraternity should also mean to us. Our established standards are to be maintained, our record kept inviolate, and for this responsibility Pi Beta Phi sounds a new call to all that is best within us for all that is best in life. Success for the fraternity waits upon the faithfulness with which you and I as individuals hear and answer that call, recognize the responsibility, live out the creed and are loyal.

“Well might this weight of responsibility frighten a stout heart were there no offsetting consideration, but in truth the com-

pensions far outweigh all burdens and from this brighter point of view fraternity becomes to us one boundless, beautiful opportunity.

"It is an opportunity for personal development. The life of every chapter should be a very practical training school in the rare art of coöperation, and the members be graduated 'summa cum laude' as trained to work with others. What of the development in self-control, self-restraint, loyal, intelligent consideration for others, keenness in judgment, the practical handling of business matters? These are veritable means of grace for which the appreciative soul will return thanks forever more.

"Chapter life should mean also the opportunity for larger relations in our respective colleges. The chapter, recognizing its obligation to the college world from which it draws its very life, should prove in truth a center of initiative for good in college life. Nothing less can cancel the obligation. The relation of the chapter to its college, the betterment of social conditions, larger social opportunities for all students, the moral side of questions arising daily in the democratic life of our large universities, these are questions demanding thoughtful consideration and unhesitating action.

"There is demanded also a very positive position on the evil so often laid at the door of fraternities, that of assumed exclusiveness. May I quote a favorite expression of this thought?

" 'The larger the man and the woman, the more inclusive they are in their love and their friendships. The smaller the man and the woman, the more dwarfed and dwindling their natures, the more they pride themselves upon their 'exclusiveness.' Anyone—a fool or an idiot—can be exclusive. It comes easy. It takes and it signifies a large nature to be *inclusive*. Only the man or the woman of a small, personal, self-centered, self-seeking nature is exclusive. The man or the woman of a large, royal, unself-centered nature never is. The small nature strives continually for effect. The larger nature never does.'

"What, then, should fraternity mean to us? A high privilege, great responsibility, unlimited opportunities, and who shall meas-

ure the sweetness and strength of life it brings to each of us in the broadening and deepening influence of intimate association with such a host of friends with whom we shall always have something precious in common."—*The Arrow*.



A SUGGESTION

“THIS year when Lambda found herself settled in her new room, so conveniently near the center of college life, several plans were discussed whereby the chapter might gain more pleasure and profit from her own little home than has been possible before now.

“Beside our regular Saturday evening meetings, we want to come together at the room, perhaps on Wednesday afternoons from four to six when the recitations are over, for an informal ‘at home’ to all Thetas. The plan is to have readings, studying certain authors together; and bringing our sewing or other work. After the readings we will have five o’clock tea for all who care to come, and we hope that many of our alumnæ who find that Saturday evening is too often a weary time will avail themselves of this afternoon meeting.

“It is easy and pleasant to imagine such times,—the Theta comradeship, the good books, the jolly teas and first and last our well-loved song-books. Nor will it be hard to bring them about. A committee of two appointed weekly can manage the details with little trouble, and, once started, we think they will not be hard to continue.

“To those who live in chapter houses, these cosy gatherings come as a matter of course. But to us who have not known that form of chapter life, they can only be brought about by some especial arrangement. But the slight trouble involved is amply repaid, and every such happy time serves to increase the love and loyalty that bind together all Thetas.”—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

FRATERNITY RESERVE

“ONE of the evils against which we as fraternity girls should guard is allowing fraternity to enter too strongly into the every-day life of the college. We must remember that working shoulder to shoulder with us in the class-room are non-fraternity girls who are just as worthy as we, but who do not enjoy the beautiful privileges which we, as fraternity girls enjoy. Sometimes bubbling over with enthusiasm for our beloved fraternity chapter, we let fall, in the presence of these girls, some item of fraternity interest or make some reference to our chapter of which they know nothing, making them feel that they are in some way left out of our pleasures and that their interests are not our interests. Is it not mere common courtesy on our part to ignore the distinction of fraternity in our association with the other girls of the college.”—*The Arrow*.



THE FRATERNITY AND THE INDIVIDUAL

“ONE sometimes hears among those who have not identified themselves with one or another of our great national Greek letter fraternities, expressions of sentiment such as this: Fraternity life harms individual development. If such an accusation were justified in any degree, it might well arouse feelings of alarm in fraternity circles; but no deep investigation of the question is necessary to remove any doubt upon the subject. Yet even an ill-based assertion of this nature ought to start us thinking seriously, whether we be *sorores* of Delta Gamma, or whatever be the badge we wear. The aim of a fraternity, if it has any aim at all, is and should be one of help to better and more serviceable living; the fraternity is not an end, but a means. By speaking thus, no sister will think I am depreciating fraternity importance, but rather appreciating the importance of the individual. I sincerely believe that this is the ultimate purpose of the great system of fraternities over this land.

"Only great care for preventions will, however, hinder the creeping in of conditions unfavorable to that for which the fraternity aims, namely the best development of the individual character. Free development is not necessarily unrestrained development; that would be disastrous. It is not by lack of pruning that the tree grows best. Indeed it seems to me that this is the hinge of the matter; the restraining element may tend to be weak. Where there are ties of affection and sympathy, there is a correspondingly strong dislike of giving reprimand, however slight; and there is an increased blindness to faults and weaknesses that should be mastered or removed. The opposite tendency, moreover, just as often gains force; there is such concentration of attention upon individual interests that the needed words of encouragement or sympathy are forgotten, and a sister grows less reliant, and that which is within her waiting encouragement to bud forth, falters until a future day. We all stand staunchly for our fraternity aims; we all realize the subtle growth of procrastination; we all are careless. Herein is the secret of the origin and the remedy."—*The Anchora*.



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The Woman's College of Baltimore

BY MYRA MANIFOLD, ZETA.

IN the north central section of the city, amidst private residences, lie the buildings of the Woman's College of Baltimore, Zeta's home.

The principal building is the much loved Goucher Hall, celebrated in college verse and song alike—a three and a half story structure of rough granite, expressing in its architecture dignity, simplicity and symmetry. It is from the steps of Goucher that the Senior Sing is given, and it is around her foundations that classes plant the ivy each year. Here the college student spends most of her time during her active college work, for in Goucher are the recitation rooms, administrative offices, physics laboratories, chemistry laboratories and the college museum.

On the opposite side of Twenty-third street is Bennett Hall and Annex, bounded by the lawn, tennis courts and the street. The lower floor of the annex is used as a biological laboratory and class room, but the rest of the two buildings is taken up by the gymnasium, which is one of the finest equipped gymnasiums in the country, having swimming pool, running track, bowling alley and all necessary apparatus. Since we have no campus, our basket ball games and all sports are held in the gym. Fine opportunities in athletics have been given the girls lately, in that we have free use of the Clifton Park Athletic Field, where instruction is given in golf, hockey, baseball and tennis by the instructor in physical training.

The three dormitories are situated a square apart and all within three squares of Goucher. They are plain, substantial brick structures four stories high. Between two of the halls there is a broad stretch of lawn, which affords a pleasing view from the dormitories. We have no frat. houses, but the different fraternities usually have all their girls in the same hall. At the end of the halls on each floor cosy corners are fitted up,

where the different fraternities are "at home" to their friends on certain days.

Fraternity spirit is very strong here, but it is always subordinate to college spirit. Our college is young and has many needs which we hope to have supplied. We neither boast of our age nor our wealth, but we do boast of alumnæ of which any college might be proud.



Inter-Sorority Conference Report

THE Inter-Sorority Conference of September, 1903, submitted to all the Sororities represented in it four motions, as follows: (1) Moved that a pledge day be adopted by the National Sororities in each college where two or more of them exist. (2) Moved that the pledge day in each college be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there. (3) Moved that no student be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated. (4) Moved that matriculation be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college, on which it asked that a vote by chapters be taken in each Sorority. The results of this vote were to be forwarded to the secretary of the Conference by March 1st, 1904, and by her reported to the Sororities. The last report has just been received, April 25th, 1904, and the secretary begs to submit the following statement of the result:

MOTION	1st	2d	3d	4th
Pi Beta Phi.....	Lost	Tie	Carried	Carried
Kappa Kappa Gamma...	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Kappa Alpha Theta.....	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Delta Delta Delta.....	Tie	Tie	Carried	Carried
Alpha Phi	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Chi Omega	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Delta Gamma	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Alpha Chi Omega.....	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Gamma Phi Beta.....	Carried	Carried	Carried	Carried
Summary... ..	Lost	Lost	Carried	Carried

The agreement among the Sororities was that any Inter-Sorority Compact should be binding only when accepted by all the Sororities in the Conference. Motions three and four have been so accepted and are therefore binding on the nine Sororities agreeing to them. They must form part of the rules of every Pan-Hellenic Association formed by these Sororities, and from the very large vote in their favor it is clear that rushing and bidding in preparatory schools has been found to be unwise by most Sororities.

The first two motions are not unanimously accepted and so are not binding. But the vote in favor of them is so large and they are so important to the success of any Inter-Sorority arrangement, whether national or local, that it is to be hoped the two Sororities failing to agree to them will reconsider their vote before next Conference and make their very small negative or tie votes affirmative.

Reports on Pan-Hellenic Associations

Each Sorority was asked to report on the formation of the Pan-Hellenic Associations for which it is responsible, and these reports are given below, as far as they have been received.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.

Tri Delta is not responsible for the forming of any Pan-Hellenic Associations, for she is not the oldest Sorority in any college, where there are two or more of the Sororities represented in the Conference. She has, however, sent a brief account of the Pan-Hellenic Associations in Woman's College, Baltimore, to which her Xi chapter belongs. As this is one of the most influential Pan-Hellenics in the United States, the report will be found suggestive to the newer associations which are being started this year.

The Pan-Hellenic Association of the Woman's College of Baltimore was founded in January, 1897, when six fraternities were installed there—Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Theta Kappa Pi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, the third

named being a local. Since then Delta Delta Delta has entered the college and joined the Pan-Hellenic Association.

The Pan-Hellenic consists of two delegates appointed from each fraternity, usually one Junior and one Senior. The president is annually selected from the fraternities in the order of their establishment.

All affairs of inter-fraternity interest come before this body and are there decided finally. There is one matter upon which there must be a unanimous vote of the seven fraternities—this is the date of pledge day. All other motions may be carried by a vote of 5 to 2—each fraternity, of course, being entitled to only one vote.

During its first year of organization the Pan-Hellenic did little else than fix the date of pledge day. With each year, however, its power has increased and its influence broadened. In a few years we find that the requirement for entrance into any fraternity is fourteen hours credit.

Not only was a pledge day determined upon by the Pan-Hellenic, but restrictions for the rushing were also made by it. The number of entertainments to be given by any fraternity was limited. Members of fraternities were prohibited from mentioning the subject of fraternities to eligible Freshmen.

The next year Pan-Hellenic gained new strength and succeeded in abolishing all rushing in the main college hall. This, of course, had been largely individual and had been characterized by Freshmen being entertained in recitation rooms during chapel hour, etc.

After the first Inter-Sorority Conference and its decision that Easter time would be the best for pledging Freshmen, the Women's College Pan-Hellenic decided to make a trial of the matter in order to practically demonstrate that good theories must work out well. Before this time the second Saturday in November had usually been the pledge day. With the opening of the 1903-04 term, however, the new system was inaugurated.

The fundamental idea of this system was that there should be an abolition of rushing. A set of rules were drawn up and voted upon in Pan-Hellenic. Fraternities breaking the rules were to be reported to the president of the Association and formally reprimanded. The rules were wholly local in their application, but have been published in every fraternity organ.

Without entering upon any discussion of the merits of this system, it is only necessary to say that not one of the fraternities continues to wish it for another year. It has modified their ideas of what should be done, however, and six of them wish pledge day to be placed just before Christmas for next year.

This Pan-Hellenic has certainly proved itself a success and established its right to exist as a permanent institution. It has had a corrective effect upon each fraternity and has taught each one to give up smaller interests so that it may gain larger ones. The best that can be said of it is that its rulings form a part of the common fraternity consciousness of the college

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KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Allegheny College.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has existed for several years at Allegheny, and since it is in practice the same sort of organization as the one proposed by the Inter-Sorority Conference it did not seem wise to make any further organization.

Cornell University.—For a number of years a Pan-Hellenic Association has existed at Cornell. Its formation and duties differ but slightly from the plan adopted by the Conference. Steps are being taken to alter the present organization to conform to the Conference ruling. At the next regular meeting these changes will be made. The special question for decision is, can we put asking day still later than our present contract does?

Illinois University.—Kappa Alpha Theta was the first fraternity to receive a charter at Illinois, but Pi Beta Phi was first in-

stalled. Three years ago a Pan-Hellenic Association was formed. It has been successful in bringing more harmony between fraternities and in lessening the evils of rushing. There are two delegates from each fraternity. They amend the rushing contract and discuss all inter-fraternity questions. This year asking day was the fourth Tuesday after the opening of college. All invitations are written and sent by mail. With this organization so successful, it seemed unnecessary to take any steps toward change, since it admirably fills the idea for which the Inter-Sorority Conference asks organization.

Indiana University.—No Pan-Hellenic has yet been formed (Feb. 20th, 1904). Steps are to be taken toward such an organization in the near future.

Stanford University.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has existed here for many years. Its purpose is to develop sociability among the fraternity women, to lead in college activities and to regulate rushing. No new organization has been formed, but each Sorority has retired one active member from the executive board and appointed an alumnæ member in her place. Thus the board corresponds to the proposed Pan-Hellenic Association.

Swarthmore College.—There has been a Pan-Hellenic Association at Swarthmore for several years. It is composed of two active members from each fraternity and meets once a month. By faculty rule, March 1st is asking day. *By Pan-Hellenic agreement the fraternities are bound not to rush and are allowed but one large function each before bidding day—this preferably to be before Christmas. This plan has been so successful in past years that no steps have been taken to change to the proposed plan, since the spirit of the Inter-Sorority Conference is fully embodied and lived up to at present.

University of Vermont.—The fraternities have appointed their members for the Pan-Hellenic Association. Although the board is not yet organized (February, 1904), everything points to success.

Wooster University.—There have been no steps taken to organize a Pan-Hellenic Association, as the faculty supervision of rushing enforces all the things proposed for the association.

DELTA GAMMA.

Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.—This chapter is trying to establish an association. Nothing has been accomplished so far (February, 1904).

University of Iowa.—Are trying to form an association.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.

Not responsible for forming any associations, but reports joining several that are being formed.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

No report.

ALPHA PHI.

Syracuse University.—The Sororities were called together in December; all responded, and it was agreed to organize the Pan-Hellenic Association. A second meeting was held in January and a third in February. These perfected the plan for permanent organization, and it was recommended that all consider carefully the obstacles agreed upon by the Inter-Sorority Conference. As yet we have made no attempt to define rushing or designate pledge day. The meetings have been pleasant and social and must promote good feeling among the chapters.

Northwestern University.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has been started, but the organization is not yet complete.

PI BETA PHI.

No report.

GAMMA PHI BETA.

Ann Arbor.—All the Sororities, including the local Sororis, are members. We have not yet adopted a pledge day, as none of the Sororities thought it would be at all expedient in Ann Arbor, but we have regulated the rushing so that it will be not so hard as in former years and so that it will be more dignified.

University of Washington.—The seniority here is not yet settled between Delta Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta, but pending

settlement Gamma Phi has started a Pan-Hellenic Association. The two national and three local Sororities belong to it, and they have held several meetings for the purpose of organizing and drawing up a constitution. The formation suggested by the Conference will be followed in the main.

The secretary wishes to acknowledge most gratefully all the encouraging and helpful letters she has received from the various Sororities.

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Spring at Wisconsin

BY A. S. M'LENEGAN, GAMMA.

ONE day about two weeks ago an Italian street band came to our town and was invited up on the campus by some of those irresponsible young people to whom the pleasures of today are always more apparent than the quizzes of tomorrow. About 10 o'clock, one would say, and at noon when we came out from recitations the far end of the campus was a curious sight. Amid a huge, black ring of "boys," with "girls" hanging at reluctant angles in the rear, there was the fiddler, playing sounds that floated away from us on the wind. A harp stood out against the lounging ranks, and, coming nearer, we saw there belonged to it, on the other side of the strings, a very small boy. Behold, also, another very small boy, with violin, playing unheard music.

Of no avail were the requests of "profs." to return to business, and the police were far, far away. If any one dared to move out of that encampment (some studious mind, haunted by thoughts of Phi Beta Kappa election, perhaps), calls of "quitter!" made him feel horribly evident. As for the "girls" still hanging at the reluctant angles before mentioned, what one

could withstand the chivalrous invitation from the mass about the fiddler to be seated likewise? And, once seated at a proper distance, "we want the girls," was the next expression of opinion from the masters of the situation. But "the girls" refused to move. Thereupon, with cheers, "boys" and band moved up to us and silence fell.

Now, this fiddler was not, as one imagines, any one of those magical folk to have been that long ago played themselves into the imagination of mankind. He was prosperous and fat, and who would have noticed the trio in a crowd except for the dark skin and gleaming eyes? Airs of his own land and our inevitable ones he played, most of them "by request," to the listeners about him. Did the fabled musicians pass their hats, granted they had any? Legend has forgotten to record these trifling particulars in telling us, breathless with the wonders of the tale, that sometimes these players played for the souls of men, and won them too.

We sat there as the fiddler played in the bright, cool April sunshine, under the shadowless trees, music, sometimes low and mournful and sometimes daintily sweet and fine as the sound of leaves and buds bursting from their cells must be. He was only playing for our money; he did not want our souls! After "Home, Sweet Home!" for the third time, the fiddler, with his small boys and the harp at his back, escorted by some of the "boys," went down the street in the shadow of the great Greek library. Well met, wanderer, for the past that we often think gone is still present, and with the season of wandering the minstrel of an old, glad life has come again.

Eta's Tenth Birthday

THE tenth anniversary of Eta chapter was the occasion for a large gathering of Gamma Phis on Saturday night, April 16th. Bertha Knox, one of our alumnæ, kindly opened her home in Oakland to us that night, where we had one of the nicest banquets in the history of the chapter. A long table in the shape of a T was set, and a caterer served a very delicious banquet. The room glowed softly under the light of many candles, the table was brilliant with red carnations, and the girls, in their evening dress, added much to the scene.

Instead of toasts responded to by one of the girls of each class, a few of the girls talked extemporaneously. Then letters were read from the girls who couldn't be with us. None of them were formal toasts. They were just personal letters from the girls telling us why they couldn't be with us and how much they wanted to.

After the banquet was over we danced some, sang our songs and visited with the girls we don't see very often. After it was all over we each came home feeling that Gamma Phi was very much worth our while and promising to do all that lies in our power for her in the future.



The Long Rushing Season

THE rushing question has been a serious one for several years in the Woman's College of Baltimore. Owing to the large number of Sororities and the comparatively small number of students, the rivalry is intense. On the other hand, the dormitory life is conducive to inter-Sorority friendships. To lessen the heat of the former, to increase the broadness of the latter, in short, to reduce the prominence of rushing—has been the important topic of Pan-Hellenic discussion. This year it was agreed that all should practice what some preached, namely, that the usual six weeks season should be lengthened to five months. The experiment was tried and at least one phase of the question was answered.

The aims of the long rushing idea were good. The term was to last throughout the winter. No entertaining was to be permitted on a large scale, the rule being adopted that with the exception of one elaborate function only four members of a Sorority could entertain at a time. Thus, it was agreed, with a little social intercourse, pleasant in itself, the Sororities would have ample time to impartially observe the qualities of the various Freshmen. The Freshmen, in the meanwhile, would gain a fair knowledge of the respective Sororities. Gradually "birds of a feather" would "flock together," and pledge day would be simply the formal recognition of past understandings. Theoretically the idea was excellent.

Practically "actions speak better than words." The customary weekly teas started the social ball rolling, and, like a snowball, it increased with every turn. Its growing magnitude can be surmised by a little mathematical calculation. Take seven Sororities, divide them into committees of four, multiply the result by twenty or more desirable Freshmen and find an appalling answer. Upper class men and lower class men, all alike, were whirled relentlessly on, with no prospect of a pause for rest until the 12th of March. Curiosity, enthusiasm, eagerness, satisfaction, weariness and desperation followed each other in rapid succession. At last arrived the fatal day, welcomed by all as a release from uncertainty and a cessation of frivolity. The usual proportion of pledglings was reported, the usual amount of congratulations were received and the usual conditions of atmosphere were restored.

But were they the usual conditions? In the first place, where, oh, where, are the verdant Freshmen? In September they blushed red because they were termed green; in October they rejoiced in that college was such a joyful place; in November they discarded their verdancy, inasmuch as they had begun to "take notice;" in December they became politicians, so that no likely "bid" might escape; in January they were studious, because matriculation examinations had laid low more than the

usual number; in February they tolerated the gaiety, inasmuch as the end was near at hand; in March they announced their intentions, so that few Sorority hopes would be crushed; on pledge day they reached the summit of importance, because each wore a pin. Thanks to five months of flattery and attention on the part of those who should have been giving them examples of college growth, these girls labored at a disadvantage in the classroom and missed the benefits of the usually hard school of freshman training. It was not their fault. It was their misfortune. They were placed in the wrong atmosphere.

On the other hand, where, oh, where, are the grand old Seniors, not to mention the "stately Juniors" and the "gay young Sophomores?" Truly, "they've gone out" to play with Freshmen. Gone is their dignity! Would you expect a child to stand awestruck if you had run after her all morning, amused her all afternoon and kissed her farewell in the evening? Departed are the class friendships. Would you love your neighbor if she had tried in every conceivable way to show her superiority and your inferiority, when you were confident that the case was reversed? Could you accomplish any work if you had to look your prettiest and be your wittiest day in and day out? Poor upper class men! They were martyrs for the cause.

Last, but not least, how did the long season affect the Sororities as a whole? To be specific, what were the gains and losses to Zeta of Gamma Phi Beta? As to gains, she won six admirable Freshmen, who gave her unlimited satisfaction both as to quality and quantity. She considered them worthy of much rushing, but she did not feel such a long period to be justifiable. In losses, she numbered the lowering of her dignity, the drain upon her treasury and the inattention to her duties. In the long race it became a question not of what girls would be asked into a Sorority, but what Sorority would get the girls. In the desire for novelty amid the wholesale entertaining, purses were squeezed to their utmost. In the anxiety to leave no stone unturned, the time that should have been given to more impor-



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tant things was devoted to social plans. Altogether the chapter would not consider itself justified in agreeing to a repetition of this year's experience.

The "rushing" question is still a question, but it is now simplified. Henceforth the chapters at the Woman's College will merely consider the details and will probably cling to the old "six weeks" idea. They have witnessed the rise and decline of "the long rushing season."

ETHELYN PHIPPS, Zeta.



Resolutions on the Death of Mrs. Capen

WHEREAS, In the providence of God, our sister, Louise Barbour Capen, of the class of 1902, has been taken from us, be it

Resolved, That we, Delta chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy. And be it

Resolved, That we, in token of our sorrow, drape our badges for the period of thirty days. And be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and be published in our Sorority magazine.

ELEANOR C. LEONARD,

FRANCIS W. SANDERS,

BESSIE W. DREW,

Committee.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His providence to take to Himself our sister, Louise Barbour Capen, be it

Resolved, That we, the Gamma and Madison Alumnæ chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, do hereby express to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy. We mourn our loss, but are grateful that we were privileged to know her even for so short a time.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and recorded in the minutes of these chapters.

HONTA SMALLEY BREDIN,

CLARA KEMLER,

ALICE SMALLEY,

Committee.

Executive Message

Our Next Convention

BEFORE another issue of THE CRESCENT comes to us we shall be planning for our annual convention, which is to be held in New York city.

The sentiment of a people is expressed by its observance of anniversaries. Gamma Phi Beta will celebrate in November next its thirtieth birthday. The ills of infancy and childhood, the indiscretions of youth, should exist but in memory, while we look with justifiable pride on our approach to the full vigor of mature Sorority life.

Gamma Phi Beta has never lacked enthusiasm, yet we hope that it may be manifested to even a greater extent and that each chapter will make a special effort to be well represented at this anniversary.

We trust that some may be with us, whose names have long been familiar and that many who have helped to place our ideals high will not be among the absent.

With sincere greetings to all, your president urges each chapter in its topics for conversation not to overlook *our next convention*.

MINNIE CURTISS DINSMORE.



The Long Vacation

BY UNA A. WINTERBURN, IOTA.

“**H**O, ho! Vacation days are here!” we sang with great gusto in that faraway time when we struggled with first readers and three syllable words. To the juvenile mind the prospect of an unlimited vacation involves untold bliss. Just to be free to play all day long in the happy sunshine, and heaven would surely be come to earth! Ah, dear little heart, as you trudge homeward with your heavy load of books, you little know what lies out there in the land of “no school.”

Of the Gamma Phis who are now standing on the brink of that long looked for paradise, full many, I trow, are gazing at

it through a mist of tears. But these tears are for the past, not for the future. It is not the part of Gamma Phis to waver, whatever their alumnahood may bring them. Some must go out to the struggle for bread and butter, others to the breathless whirligig of society, while still others are going forth to make for themselves the homes which are the bulwark of the nation. To all these sisters those of us who are alumnæ stretch forth helping hands. The process of adjustment to the "no school" world is a hard one, far harder than that little, dusty, dreamy-eyed girl we left far behind us years ago ever supposed. But what profiteth it us if we who are college women and Gamma Phis cannot cope with the harder problems of life more successfully than our less fortunate sisters?

Our life as Sorority women has taught us self forgetfulness, the free giving of unbounded sympathy, the loving interest in another's welfare which has made our college life and friendships so sweet. But the lesson of it all has been lost if we have failed to grasp the keynote of the larger sisterhood which links us to all women, high and low. Little sisters, as our love has reached out to all who wear the crescent, so must it grow until it has reached out to all women who wear the badge of suffering with which we must all be marked before the world has done with us.

But love and hope and joy, as well as care and pain, lie out there beyond the gates for all who will go boldly into their Canaan and possess it, knowing that shelter ever awaits them 'neath the rock of Gamma Phi.



TO our Seniors we wish to add our farewell (we trust not as readers of *THE CRESCENT*) and our heart's best wishes for a successful life, for which you have now but completed your preparation. One and all doubtless regret to take the step just before you, but you may look back with much pleasure to the days that are over. This backward glance will be with the revelation of the imprint which your character has stamped upon your chapter, for each has helped to mold and fashion it. May the life that you enter be true to the ideal which guides you, and may the memories of the life at your Alma Mater and in Gamma Phi be a joy to you at all times.



1,000 Readers

WE approach this subject with much earnestness and enthusiasm, and we trust that ere this effort on the part of your editor is completed that at least a spark of the enthusiasm shall have reached each reader.

The commendable efforts and the hearty support of our readers during this year has given us a thrifty living existence, but, like all young, live things, we must grow. We fear the results of retarding our growth. During the summer, before our next issue (November), we want the plea of one thousand subscribers made a reality. This will be possible if each of our present readers interests herself in *THE CRESCENT* to the extent of securing from our alumnæ one additional subscriber. We feel that this

is not an impossibility, and in so doing you have not only helped us, but, in addition, have strengthened the interest of your alumnæ in your chapter and in Gamma Phi at large. If each one will do what is in her power, our subscription Utopia will be reached easily. Let not this request go by until the next issue is out, for our editions cannot be indefinitely large unless we have the subscriptions to cover the expense, and we want to be able to supply every subscriber with all the numbers for the year. Will you be one to give this matter your best endeavors?



THE attractive little headings to our editorials and chapter letters are from the artistic hand of Ethelyn Phipps, Zeta, '99, who is at all times ready, willing and capable of giving her hearty and enthusiastic support to THE CRESCENT.



WITH this issue we have increased our size by several pages and we trust that you will give us such hearty support as to still push ahead.

Agora

This Department is open to all, and it is hoped that both Alumnae and Actives will send in their contributions. The names will not be published, but the Editor asks that the name be signed.

Some Opportunities for Growth

I N my three years' experience as a member of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae I have had occasion to meet representatives from almost every one of the twenty-three institutions included in the Association. I have become more and more interested in the American college woman, and my interests and standards have been changed and elevated by my contact with her.

Upon the membership roll of this Association of Collegiate Alumnae are the names of some of the most intellectual, gifted and charming women in America. It is largely through their influence that the college woman is learning her own capabilities and putting them into use. But this is not a plea for the A. C. A., valuable as I consider it for the college graduate. It is its significance to the growth of our closer and more intimate sisterhood that I wish to direct your attention.

Gamma Phi Beta is established in only eight of the twenty-three institutions in the Association, and of the remaining fifteen—Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bryn Mawr, Oberlin, Radcliffe, Smith and Vassar Colleges and the Universities of Illinois, Chicago, Cornell, Kansas, Nebraska, Western Reserve, Wesleyan and Leland Stanford, Jr., University—I believe that about one-half do not at present admit national Sororities. They will, however, be open to us in the near future, and we should direct our interests and investigation to these empty but fertile fields.

If any of you have the missionary spirit and know what it is to want to save souls in China, you can sympathize with my desire to see at least a portion of these barbarian hordes brought into the crescent fold of Gamma Phi.

I should like to see women going out from every one of our twenty-three representative American institutions bearing the seal of our sisterhood to enrich their own lives and to make Gamma Phi Beta more honored, more worthy and more to be desired.

EMMA T. GRAY.

A Word to the Freshmen in Gamma Phi Beta

YOU will soon be going home for your vacation, and during the summer days you will have a chance to think over your first college year and to wonder "how it all happened." You have been criticized by your seniors, you have had many weaknesses and possibilities unveiled to you. You have learned your Sorority ideal. You "star" Freshmen who developed inaccurate estimates of yourselves during rushing have awakened to a new sense of ignorance concerning what really makes a girl desirable in Sorority life. The development of definite personal aims has given you a new view of life. You will come back in the autumn to a new place in Sorority and college life.

You will no longer be the chief center of criticism. The attention will be directed to the new sisters as yet unknown to you. How will you meet the new demands of dignity and poise? How will you seem to the girls whom your chapter may seek during rushing season? Are you ready to take your place in the tactful initiative attitude toward these girls who are to be sought? Are you going to be able to pass unbiased judgments? Are you past the narrowness of superficial criticism? Are you fully alive to the honor, the joy, the responsibility of being a Gamma Phi Beta? Are you prepared to further your chapter interests in another role than that of a desirable Freshman?

The Censor Speaks

VERBUM SAT.

CRITICISM is at best a thankless task. The critic is generally, if possessed of the giftie desired by Burns, conscious that his efforts are regarded as emanating either from an

inability to appreciate what he could possibly not do so well himself or from a vicious desire to butcher some one else to make the ungodly's holiday. There are, however, a few who are willing to brave this unenviable reputation for the sake of relieving their own feelings or in the faint hope that their words may succeed in choking a few of the thorns that have irritated their censorial souls. If the present writer may be granted the grace of audience, she would modestly but firmly point out a few defects which showed all the more plainly in contrast with general excellence of THE CRESCENT's March number.

And because she loves Delta chapter very dearly and was once a humble member of that organization, she will begin by pointing the finger of scorn at the last paragraph of the chapter letter on page 64 as a truly awful specimen of involved English, which might be framed as a succinct example of what to avoid. The present writer knows what it is all about, because she has long loved Dr. Huntington, but she doubts if it conveys to the uninitiated any idea beyond a sensation of hopeless bewilderment.

Epsilon's beginning was so excellent that one grieves at her downfall on page 65. What imp of the perverse was in possession when the respectable word *consolation* was ousted for the uncouth coinage *consolement*, apparently for the sake of the awkward juxtaposition with *encouragement*? In the next paragraph "the few days intervening semesters" may be good Latin, but it is unholy English.

Zeta, under the very shadow of the editor-in-chief, falls into the pitfall of "everybody roused themselves" on page 66, a blunder grayhaired, but not with venerable age, and the New York Alumnæ chapter achieves on the same page the distinction of evolving the orthographical triumph "disparagment" and the weird sentence in which the New York Alumnæ *exult* in one line and *denies* in the next.

Again, in the dim and distant days of "Beginners' Latin" most of us remember that it was inculcated into our receptive minds that *ae* was the nominative ending only in the plural.

Verily, these days be dim indeed when on page 45 one reads "any Gamma *alumnæ* who *is*," on page 58 "the average *alumnæ* *is*," and on the same page "the editor can ask *an* *alumnæ*." Is it necessary to point out that the singular of *alumnæ* is *alumna*? It would seem so.

It may be ungracious to ask if the good English *Alas!* might not have expressed Cupid's woe on page 51 as well as the French form, and to express unqualified disapproval of both the expression and the sentiments credited, in the middle paragraph on page 43, to the Wisconsin daughters of Gamma Phi, but *noblesse oblige*, and Gamma Phi expects, does she not, that every girl who bears her honored name shall not only do her duty, but also speak and write correctly while doing it, if there is to be on THE CRESCENT neither stain nor shadow of her bringing.

Des Moines Pan-Hellenic Banquet

A DELIGHTFUL occasion was the fourth general banquet of the Des Moines Women's Pan-Hellenic Association, held at the Savery Hotel Jan. 29th, 1904. The Association has one hundred members, who represent seven fraternities. The emblems of the various fraternities were conspicuously displayed in the ordinary where the banquet was served. Pink and white carnations and ferns were effectively combined in the table decorations, while the place cards, which were presented by the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity, were decorated in water color. A reception was held in the parlors, the guests being received by the officers of the Association and the members of the entertainment committee. The officers are: President, Mrs. Harold R. Howell, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Vice President, Miss Lulu Mann, Gamma Phi Beta; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Zulema Kostomlatsky, Pi Beta Phi. The entertainment committee was composed of Miss Jessie Robinson, Delta Gamma; Miss Esther Kinne, Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. W. T. Buchanan, Delta Delta Delta; Miss Lucy Allabach, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Florence Walker, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Zoe Seevers, Pi Beta Phi; Miss Edith King, Alpha Phi.



ALPHA

SINCE Alpha wrote last she has added eight Freshmen to her membership. We held initiation the latter part of February. About fifty sisters, active and alumnæ, were present.

In April we began the city rushing. We were very successful and now have five splendid girls pledged ready for next year. They are Deirdre Mace, Jessie Page, Ruth Laycock and Bessie Bowe of Syracuse, and Katherine Sibley of Wollaston, Mass. Jessie Page's sister, Laura Page Flick, and Deirdre Mace's aunt, Cora Dodson Graham, are old F. Ø. R. girls.

Katherine Sibley is at present in charge of the women's gymnasium work in the University, and is to enter the Medical College in the fall. We feel that we cannot congratulate ourselves enough on getting such a fine nucleus for our next year's delegation.

We received many useful and beautiful gifts from our alumnæ and friends at our donation party, which was a great success. The entertainment was given by the Sophomores, and was in the form of a glee club concert. It was very clever, and the costumes, borrowed from accommodating men friends, were particularly fetching.

Alpha is for the most part a very social organization. We are said to be better represented than any other Sororities at the college and fraternity parties, and of course the girls do a good deal of entertaining in return. The only formal affair given this spring by the chapter as a whole, however, was a dinner party on May 7th. The tables were decorated prettily, and the dinner was very enjoyable.

Since our four Seniors, Arte Meade, Gertrude Shoemaker, Julia Babcock and Ella Bohr, put on their caps and gowns on moving up day, May 4th, we realize more than ever that they are really going to leave us. We shall feel badly to lose these Seniors. They have done a great deal for us. Sometimes we say, "What shall we do when this one or that one is gone?" But, fortunately, there is always some one else to take her place, and the work can still go on.

Our examinations are very near now—they begin on the 22nd of May, and they loom large. Commencement here is the 8th of June, and then there will be "rest for the weary" through the summer months until we meet again in the fall.

BETA

GREETINGS from Beta to all her sister chapters. Just now we are busy entertaining May festival visitors—mothers, sisters and friends, as well as many of the old girls who are taking this opportunity to come back and visit us for a few days.

The Pan-Hellenic Association has at last been formed. In March Beta called a meeting of the national Sororities, at which meeting nothing was done except to organize the Pan-Hellenic Association and to adopt a resolution to invite the local Sorority, Sororis, to join. The next meeting, at which Sororis was present, drew up rules for the regulation of rushing, but no formal pledge day was adopted.

There has not been much going on in the social line. Abigail Hubbard Cooley entertained the Seniors very charmingly at a luncheon May 10th. Alice Thompson gave a thimble party not long ago to all the Gamma Phis, active and alumnae, in honor of Gertrude Miller. The active chapter is soon going to give a play at the invitation of Mrs. Jordan, for the "faculty" children, whom she entertains in this way every spring.

We expect to start next year very successfully, as we have pledged three girls this year—Vera Carson, Detroit; Bessie

Bigelow, Owosso, and Benita Allen, Benton Harbor. Then, too, Caroline Johnston, a last year's pledgling, expects to be with us next fall.

GAMMA

IT is with the greatest pleasure that Gamma looks forward to the time that she may again visit with her chapter sisters through the interesting leaves of THE CRESCENT. So very much has happened during the short weeks of March and April that it is hard to select that which is most important. Perhaps that of most interest to the Wisconsin students is the coming jubilee. This celebration takes place the second week of June, which is Wisconsin's fiftieth anniversary. At this time the faculty, the visiting guests, who represent both American and foreign universities, and the Seniors are going to wear caps and gowns, with the appropriate hoods indicative of their academic degree and rank, in accordance with the accepted intercollegiate code. This event will be of double interest to the Gamma girls, in that it will bring from far and near many Gamma Phis for the event of our year, the annual banquet. We are making plans for about forty guests and expect to have with us six of our charter members. Our toastmistress is to be Sister Carrie Morgan, who was the first one to sign Gamma's constitution. It would add so much to our pleasure if many of our unknown sisters could be with us to drink a toast to Gamma Phi.

Gamma has entertained but once since our last letter to you. It was a leap year party on the eve of St. Patrick's, when we decorated in the true Irish green. We had planned to carry out the same idea in our refreshments, but when we came to serve our cream we found that it had been appropriated by some one else, and rumor says the Psi Upsilon and the Chi Psi know something as to its whereabouts.

On April 16th all the girls of the University gave a leap year party in the college gymnasium. Nellie Etler represented Gamma Phi and served on the reception committee. This party caused a great deal of amusement, for the girls enjoyed the

strenuous efforts of the men to make themselves amiable during the weeks which preceded the invitation day.

Gamma has not only been doing her part in society, but she has also held her own in college affairs.

Euretta Kimball has recently been elected to the membership of the '06 Badger board. Bernice Hunter represents us on the self government board, and Bernice Dow took one of the leading parts in "College Boy," which the Haresfoot Dramatic Club presented in February.

The death of Sister Louise Barbour Capen, which occurred in April, came as a sudden shock to us. Mrs. Capen was a Delta girl and had been with us but one short year. But we are glad to have had her with us even for so short a time, for surely a character so bright and beautiful and morally high as was hers could not help but leave its influence on all who knew her. Mr. Capen has recently resigned his pastorate in Madison's First Baptist Church and will soon leave for China, where he is to enter into missionary work.

Gamma extends greetings to every Gamma Phi and wishes that each of them may have a most pleasant summer vacation.

DELTA

DELTA is always glad when it comes CRESCENT time again and we hear from all our sisters. We are glad, too, for the opportunity of adding our bit of news to that of our friends.

Our spring banquet was held at the home of Dora Clapp, '00. We had a large attendance, and at no time this year have we felt the bonds of Gamma Phi so near and dear to us. We were fortunate in having for toastmistress Mrs. Richardson of Beta, and we varied our usual custom by having our toasts on serious subjects. The sweetness and sincerity which was so evident in all of them rewarded us well for our experiment.

It is the custom in college for each fraternity and society to give a dramatic entertainment during the year, and Delta has spent much time and effort on hers, and in comment we will

quote the general opinion voiced by one of the faculty "that it was the cleverest show given here for some years." We gave two plays, "A Picture by Perkins," by Maisie B. Whiting, '04, and "The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Cæsar," also arranged by Miss Whiting. All the parts were taken by girls, and very pretty they looked, too, in their white pique suits draped with the flowing togas. We took the liberty of introducing a few characters not found in Shakespeare's version, as the Capitoline goose and Cæsar's cat, but I assure you they were real acquisitions to our play.

Perhaps, too, we were guilty of a few trifling anachronisms. Mark Antony skillfully executed a dainty dance in the Forum before he presented the crown (the standard of a chafing dish) to Cæsar; the conspirators who escorted Cæsar to the Capitol on the fatal ides of March made their appearance in the latest style of opera hats and with nobby walking sticks, and our dear little Portia could only be comforted by hearing that her husband's nightly visitors were not after the rent. We added zest to the character of Calpurnia by making her tyrannize most happily over her mighty lord, while even Brutus, the dreamy and impractical, arises to the occasion to poke with his finger the ghost of the awful Cæsar. It was indeed a very classic play, and to make it more so it was set to music, and the chorus in the back of the stage followed the principals in the good old classic manner.

Delta has been fortunate enough to receive calls from Harriet Ludlow and Daisy Deane of Gamma, the former of whom is attending Wellesley, and the latter the Oread Institute of Worcester.

With best wishes for all the joys of a pleasant vacation, Delta says goodbye a bit regretfully for the summer.

EPSILON

SINCE the last letter Epsilon has been busier than at any time during the college year. The second semester's work demands more time than the first, and, in addition to this,

the formal parties given by the various Sororities and fraternities have begun. We gave our formal party on the 9th of April, the first affair after Lent, and, according to the verdict of the college world, no party in the social calendar has equaled it. The spirit of a good time was in the air, and the fortunate harmony of our guests helped us in our efforts as hostesses.

In the Junior play two of our girls, Sidney Hall and Ethel Works, took the leading parts. We were very proud of their success. Gamma Phi Beta has been well represented this year in all college movements, from Y. W. C. A. to Syllabus work.

We enjoyed having Miss Holderman, one of the charter members of Epsilon, with us for one of our regular meetings recently. We have also had the pleasure of another visit from Miss Lillian Thompson.

We are planning a long tramp some day soon, that we may enjoy the beauty of the Willmette woods. Evanston is at its best in the springtime, and just now, with the magic of spring about us, the routine of study seems hard. Boating, tramping for violets and hepatics, driving and autoing, all lure us from the class room. But the approaching exams. cast a shadow before, and a few wise ones are getting ready for the ordeal in time.

Our annual spring banquet will take place April 16th. We expect to have a number of the alumnæ back at that time.

Epsilon extends best wishes to each chapter for a restful and happy summer.

ZETA

Over the Tea Cups

ZETA just felt like dropping in and having a little chat with the other Gamma Phis this afternoon instead of sitting down and trying to write them a real formal chapter letter. We have had so many delightful times since the strenuous rushing season that we enjoy talking them over once more.

(It's so good of you to make that tea! A tete-a-tete, did you say? All right.)

Did you know that we went down to Asbury Park again this year on a house party? Just during the Easter holidays. You didn't? Well, we simply had the time of our lives. There was quite a crowd of us, and Ethel Shriner's mother made the nicest imaginable chaperon. We had tally-ho rides, canoeing, Gamma Phi songs, Yale and Cornell men and jokes galore. We chased the hares and walked the board walk and played in the sand like happy children. Elizabeth Sill Bannard, '97, gave us a most delightful little luncheon, and the table was attractively decorated with $\Gamma \Phi$ carnations.

(This tea is delicious, really.)

One night it rained, and we had a pingpong tournament. Bess Brown won a sterling tin cup, which had kindly been donated for the prize. Another night we had shadow pictures. Did you ever try to illustrate Gamma Phi songs that way—for instance, "once a maiden"— It's lots of fun.

Easter Sunday we had cunning little rabbits at each place and also some choice bits of classical verse, composed by the girls.

(Thanks! My tea does need a little more sugar.)

Isn't it too bad how all good times must end? Thus we reluctantly turned our faces homeward and took up our daily tasks again.

(The tea is delicious now, merci tres much.)

But every cloud has a silver lining, and soon we again became engrossed with our college work and affairs. One day a very mysterious box arrived. When we opened it, we found some beautifully painted monogram plates "for the Gamma Phi den." They were from Edith Fisher's mother, and she had sent them from Atlanta. We certainly were proud of them. Soon after that a silver loving cup came, then a Japanese table cover handsomely embroidered came from Mrs. Smart. So the den is quite vain with its new possessions.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Palmer gave the Zetas a tea in honor of her sister-in-law, Miss Anna Palmer, ex-'98. The girls all enjoyed meeting her so much. Jessie Gore, one of our old girls,



entertained the Sorority last week at her home. Everybody had such a good time, and things like that bring the girls so much closer together.

(Do you know, tea always does make me serious.)

We recently had a very important Pan-Hellenic meeting. It was decided to have seven weeks' rushing next year. This year's scheme—rushing from September to Easter—has been a decided failure. It has been a continuous rush—just the opposite of what its advocates hoped. Consequently, it has been quite wearing upon both the Sorority girls and Freshmen.

(Would it be very dreadful to have the second cup? You are very good to call them tiny, but this is the most delicious tea I have ever tasted.)

However, Gamma Phi came out splendidly. Since pledge day our girls have been wearing the "smile that won't come off," and all on account of our new Freshmen. They are Helen Armour of Harrisburg, Pa.; Elsie Robbins, a sister of Frances Robbins, ex-'04; Mary Drake Sawyers, granddaughter of ex-Gov. Drake of Iowa; Carolyn Smith of York, Pa.; Ethel Shriner of Baltimore, and Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton. They form a very strong class, and every one is proving herself a true and loyal Gamma Phi.

Well, I do believe it has gotten dark. I had no idea it was so late. Your tea will soon be as famous as your proverbial peanuts and olives are. I really must be going. Goodby!

ETA

ETA extends her heartiest congratulations to the editor of THE CRESCENT. The editions this year prove conclusively that our magazine can be made interesting and beneficial to the Sorority as a whole.

Our semester is drawing to a close. Final examinations, covering a period of ten days and technically known as "ex week," begin on the 5th of May, and commencement day is the 18th. Four of our girls graduate this year, and Tallulah Le Conte will be one of the two women in the class to make class day speeches.

We have entertained very little this term. On the 7th of April we held a reception all afternoon and evening and received about five hundred of our friends in college and out. Last Saturday night the Freshmen entertained in honor of the Seniors. They held graduating exercises and presented each Senior with a diploma, which had in one corner a sketch characteristic of each girl.

A Pan-Hellenic Association has been formed here by representatives from each Sorority—Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega and Gamma Phi Beta. No definite rules regulating rushing have as yet been accepted, but the meetings held at the different Sorority houses have added much to the inter-Sorority spirit of good will. These meetings are open once a month to all the members of each Sorority; the regular business meeting is open to delegates only, an active and alumna member from each Sorority. Gamma Phi Beta has the presidency next term.

Eta wishes success in the semester's work and a fine vacation to each and all of her sisters.

THETA

DEAR sisters in Gamma Phi: Theta sends greetings and hopes that all the Gamma Phis have had as gay a closing stason as she has. We have been in a whirl of functions since we last wrote you, and the Seniors are beginning to feel that they are completing the "glorious past." How they hate to leave it all behind and to think that the girls will go on next year without them just as if Edith Ruse, Margaret McNeil, Edith Boughton and Ruth Wallace had never been there at all.

To begin, we entertained Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi in return for their kindness during convention, and then came the little "at homes" to Pi Phi and the local Sorority, Alpha Tau. Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau entertained Gamma Phi, and the alumnæ gave the active girls an afternoon at Mrs. Shannon's. The spring banquet was held at the Adams Hotel on the 14th, and everything was redolent of spring. The table was

decorated in apple blossoms and the toasts were symbolized by flowers. The toastmistress, a jack-in-the-pulpit, called in turn the forget-me-not, a Senior; the pansy, on thoughts, or, rather, the halls where thoughts are found, the Alma Mater; the daisy, for the Freshmen; the rosemary, for friendship, and a bouquet of carnations, roses, violets and lilies of the valley, for all the fraternities. Next the "faculty tea," the return to S. A. E. and the party at the club house to welcome Louise Iliff back from India. The club house is out in its spring clothes now, with the tennis court and lawns all fixed up, and after it all, girls, we have nearly one hundred dollars drawing interest in the bank. Don't you think that is a pleasant outlook for the coming year? Two new girls have been taken in, Fanny Marks and Mary Wry, and we all unite in the love Theta sends to her sisters, the Seniors send love and goodby.

IOTA

ONCE again Iota sends loving greetings to her sister chapters. First of all, we must introduce to you our new girls, Grace Conover, '05, and Emma Cole, '07, both of whom were initiated at Augustine Ellean's in Newark on the 12th of March. Since then we have pledged Florence Beers, '05, who has come to Barnard this year from Mt. Holyoke.

That last initiation was a decided success in every particular, and the members of the New York alumnæ who attended it were pleased to remark that it had an old time flavor of jollity about it such as had not been experienced by them in many a long day. You may think this was taffy, but we know it wasn't. Our alumnæ aren't that kind.

On the 30th of April we gave a luncheon at the St. Andrew's which proved very delightful, and on the 31st of May it is our intention to wind up the year with a dance in the Barnard Theater.

We are glad to be able to tell you that Hazel Plate has been elected to the Junior presidency for next year.

You see, exams. are at hand, and our stock of news is small, but it is given us to anticipate future pleasure. Iota is so glad that she can say, "Come and see us next fall" to her sister chapters. She is looking forward with the greatest of pleasure to convention and rejoices in the great opportunity which will then be given her of meeting her sisters and of cementing anew the sacred bonds of Gamma Phi.

Until then she sends her love and best wishes to all for the jolliest of vacations.

KAPPA

GREETINGS to the chapters, one and all! We have two new Gamma Phis to announce, Mildred Hunter, '05, of Tracy, Minn., and Alice E. Andrews, graduate student, of St. Paul, who were initiated Wednesday, May 11th. We also have two new alumnae by adoption, Mrs. Ivan Thorson, formerly Miss Lillian Johnson of Gamma, and Miss Hilton of Delta, who has come here from Boston to teach English in Central High School.

On the afternoon of April 22nd we gave a reception to our mothers at the home of Grace Kingsley, and we had a large and well pleased gathering in spite of lowering skies and slushy sidewalks. The mothers had an ever present topic of common interest in their daughters, with their daughters' relations to Gamma Phi and to college life in general, and the buzz of conversation was something like a Shakespeare mob under strong excitement.

Thursday evening, April 7th, Ruth Spear, '03, was married to Dr. Harris Newkirk, '03, of Wolverton, Minn. A number of the girls entertained for her, and those last two weeks of March made one think of the gayeties of rushing season.

On the evening of May 2nd we gave our formal party, a dinner dance, at the Minnekada Club house, out on the shore of Lake Calhoun. It was a delightful spring evening, with a splendid full moon. The dinner was lively with progression between courses, the cotillion figures were undoubtedly picturesque, and everyone was in the best of spirits.

Delta Gamma entertained the active members of the other five Sororities Saturday, May 7th. We had a delightful evening, with singing and amusing stunts. The Delta Gammas are indeed capable and charming hostesses.

The Pan-Hellenic Association gave a tea on the afternoon of May 9th, to which all Minnesota Greek women, active and alumnae, were invited. There was never a year when inter-Sorority relations were so pleasant at Minnesota as this one, and the prospect is bright for an ever increasing development of mutual confidence and friendliness.

We of Kappa are all looking forward to our annual summer house party, which this year is to be at Lake Sarah, about twenty-five miles out of town. We will be together for a week, boating and tramping and skylarking all day and singing Gamma Phi songs around the inevitable bonfire in the long summer evenings. After that week we will go our several ways until September brings us back to register once more at the well known window.

Alas for our three well beloved Seniors, who of all our number will be missing then! The graduation of the Seniors is the saddest event in the college year. We can only refuse to accept the fact of their going until the autumn, when other figures appear in the familiar caps and gowns.

And, now, a merry and a restful vacation to you all, sister chapters, and so, for a season, Kappa bids you farewell.

LAMBDA

TO our dear sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, Lambda sends greetings.

We are in the midst of our annual Associated Students' elections, and the interest runs high here in the house, for we have a girl up against a Delta Gamma for secretary. This office always goes to a girl and we have had it in the family now two years, and if we win this year it will make our record three years in succession.

We always try to take as active a part as possible in our college affairs, for Gamma Phi has had the lead so far and our record must not be broken now.

We have girls on the Annual staff and representatives on the Junior prom. committee and in the Junior farce and 'varsity basket ball team.

Since the last letter we have had two little social affairs that might be of interest. The Freshmen, who are twelve strong, gave the first party. We turned the house over to them, and the rest of us moved out for the night. It was a children's party. The invitations were printed in uncertain hands and decorated with drawings by the said children. They played all kinds of children's games, and every one entered into the spirit of the thing and had a fine time.

Then the rest of us house girls turned the Freshmen out and gave a "train party." We sent telegrams to the young men as invitations. As they arrived that evening they were each given a luggage tag with a big number, and the name of the station on it. The number was to find his "luggage," and the station was the table from which he was to start. The score cards were long blue tickets, "Good only on the Table line." During the evening the train "boy" came through with a basket of candies and peanuts, and the dining car was open later in the evening.

The chapters that do not live in their own houses know the joys of house hunting! We have been enjoying them this spring but have found a house that is just right, we think—a bran new house of fifteen rooms and everything complete. We expect to move in and be all settled at least two weeks before college opens.

We cannot have Freshmen in the house the first semester on account of the five weeks limit set for bidding by the constitution of the Pan-Hellenic Association which has been formed this year. There are five Sororities in the Association, two national and three local, and we look for great things from the influence of this organization.

BOSTON

THERE is a certain philosophic saying that "nothing can shock a brave man but dullness." Convinced of the presence of none but valiant spirits among Gamma Phis, I would, as a very new and inexperienced scribe, intrude my personality upon you so far as to beg leniency for any such violent agitation as may accompany the consideration of these lines. If, however, the fault is grievous, let it be recorded against the offending chronicler alone, for a more wideawake, interested, lively group of loyal Gamma Phi girls than Boston chapter is would be difficult to produce.

Whether or not the present fad for antique is responsible for the old fashioned weather with which we have been afflicted, certain it is that the winter itself has caused Boston chapter's spirit to suffer by repression, so that when finally spring and the opera season opened together a little giddiness on our part was to be expected. The spirits of our chapter is above all one of resourceful youthfulness on an occasion similar to that afforded at the April meeting, where the numbers on the morning program succeeded one another with kaleidoscopic velocity. Amid a shower of chatter the Sorority business on hand was despatched, an embroidery class conducted and dismissed and a luncheon prepared and disposed of with the aid of a limited assortment of cutlery which served an infinite variety of purposes. All this bewilderingly rapid movement and disorganization in order that a trio of music mad souls might worship at the shrine of Mme. Ainio Ackte! Distinctly it was a desertion of Gamma Phi Beta, but one of the sort indulgently regarded. Indeed, our April meeting, while it lasted, was gay enough and seasonable, as full of that delightful irresponsibility with which all of us ought to be infected once a year, preferably in the spring, as in the nursery couplet:

"The world is so full of a number of things,
I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

Boston chapter imagines that Delta will furnish her sisters with an enthusiastic and detailed account of the only notable

Γ Ø happening in our vicinity, the spring banquet, which was held early in April, so that we shall merely testify with delight to our own appreciation of the happy time we had in attending. The chattering among alumnæ was as absorbing and as—audible as it always is when twenty or more of them enjoy two hours of uninterrupted conversation together. As for the entertainment furnished by the misfortunes and tragic taking off of Julius Cæsar, Delta certainly succeeded in producing all but ungovernable hysterics in her audience. As the performance we witnessed was only a dress rehearsal, we are anxious to learn how the spectators survived who saw the burlesque completed.

With affectionate greetings to all her sisters, Boston chapter sends her scrap of news.

CHICAGO

WE have been terribly frozen up here in Chicago during the long, cold winter, which is just reluctantly leaving us, and you must not be surprised to learn that the Chicago alumnæ chapter has done nothing wonderful or very well worth relating. Please lay this sad fact to the weather and do not for a moment suppose it is because we are incapable of doing thrilling things such as the active chapters write of. The last chapter letters were so interesting; you had all been having so many teas and parties and entertainments of all kinds that we alumnæ felt very humdrum indeed and anxious to return to college immediately and share in the festivities. Indeed, some of us from Chicago alumnæ did really return to college, so to speak; we went to the formal party given by Epsilon at the Country Club in Evanston and had the most delightful time. The active girls entertained us at Willard Hall and did everything to make our visit a pleasant one. So we got a genuine taste of college life, as well as a charming dance.

Our meetings this winter have been very quiet. We met once with Louise Anderson and had the pleasure of meeting one of our former members, Gertrude Birdsell Arnold, who lives in Three Rivers, Mich., since her marriage. Our next meeting was

held with Effie Page, an alumna from Gamma. It was a very small and quiet one, but very much enjoyed, as usual.

We have meetings all summer, and, though they are often small, we enjoy them all the same and sometimes have the pleasure of entertaining sisters from a distance who are visiting here. If any of you come to Chicago this summer, be sure to let us know, and we shall be so glad to welcome you to our summer gatherings.

MILWAUKEE

THE Milwaukeealumnæ chapter wonders if her sister alumnæ chapters ever feel as she does—that there is so little of interest to tell in return for the newsy letters from the active girls, which are brimming over with the delights of Sorority life in the midst of college activities. We should resent even the insinuation that our lives are less full of interesting events than in former days, but still we fear that these events might not arouse the interest in all our sisters that they do in ourselves.

Our meetings have been somewhat irregular for the past two or threemonths, but since our last letter we have had the pleasure of meeting with Mrs. George O'Neil, Mrs. Frank Baldwin and Miss Mary Laffin. In the abandon of formalities and in general businesslike methods we quite felt that we were reading a description of our own meetings in the last Chicago alumnæ letter. The social side of these meetings seems to be the prominent one, although by no means do we neglect Sorority interests. Different topics, often suggested by THE CRESCENT, call forth most enthusiastic discussion at times. The ever increasing excellence of our magazine itself is a most pleasing subject. The editor, Zeta and all of Gamma Phi Beta may well be congratulated. We approve most heartily of the article "Concerning Expansion," and, too, are very much interested in the accounts of the Pan-Hellenic Association mentioned by various chapters. If such an Association might be organized in all the universities where we are represented, it seems to us that our rushing problem would be solved.

In addition to our April meeting, we spent a delightful afternoon April 9th at the home of Mrs. McLenegan in honor of several Gamma pledglings who are at present living here. We should enjoy doing more for our active chapters if only we were nearer to them and so might have more of an opportunity, as some of the other alumnæ chapters have.

Several of us had the pleasure of meeting Miss Bertha White, Epsilon, '98-'01, who recently passed through Milwaukee. We were much pleased to get some "glimpses of convention" from Miss White, who was one of the fortunate ones to have been entertained by Theta last fall.

We are making our plans for the summer quite as much as though we were college girls about to enjoy a well earned summer vacation. During these months of visiting and other recreations we shall not forget our Gamma Phi sisters. Several of us hope to celebrate with Gamma in June at her annual banquet, which is of more than usual interest this anniversary year in the history of the University of Wisconsin.

We regret that our greetings to you failed to reach our editor in time for the last number. Our greetings this time are doubly sincere, and we wish you all the happiest of summers.

NEW YORK

DEAR Gamma Phis, the New York Alumnæ Association is worn out by its year of hard work and finds itself amiably disposed toward a long, quiet vacation. At least, such seemed to be the state of mind of most of the members when an effort was made to find some one with the report of whose summer plans we might hope to startle you. Louise Cole refused to go anywhere except to Geneseo, and Florence Heermans was equally determined to go to Clifton Springs. Elizabeth Sill Bannard remains in Asbury Park. Those in New York plan to get out early, to return with a fresh welcome for all Gamma Phis who may come on to enjoy convention with us in the fall.

The last meeting of the year was held in this city with Lee Smith Dawson. Alpha, Delta, Zeta and Iota were all repre-

sented. At this time we regretted to learn of the death of Stella MacIntyre's mother, who had been spending the winter with her in New Jersey. We also heard for the first of the illness of Grace Howard Smith, who is in the hospital with typhoid fever. As brighter news, Abbie Benson Slawson told of a little son two months old of whose arrival we were not before advised.

It would be pleasant to tell you of resolutions and improved plans for another year, but the spirit of self satisfaction reigned too supremely at our close to call for anything born of a past regret. We do feel that sisters visiting the city from other chapters might bring such visits to coincide with our meetings or let us know of such intentions in due season. There is a pleasant element of surprise in each coming together, for so far the members have kept about the same, but the combinations always vary. It was a pleasure to find that, although Antoinette Brown Strickland had allowed herself to become subject to a ministerial itineracy, her last removal was no farther than Bay Shore, Long Island, so we have not lost her altogether. Others are remaining near, and we are always cheered by news of possible additions to our chapter, which may keep us in a closer touch with some of our magnificent distances.

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO alumnæ chapter sends greetings through THE CRESCENT. At the meeting in the last quarter there was the usual discussion of business and social matters. Communications from the active Eta chapters, in whose progress we take great pride, letters from absent members whose teaching, household duties and the like prevent from attendance at the alumnæ gatherings. The whereabouts of absent members is also a matter of interest. Several of the girls are teaching in various schools in California. Amy Phelan is in the library at Sacramento. The married girls are scattered throughout the state, and one or two at a distance from this town. Edith Byxbee is now Mrs. Todd. Maude Allen Allens is mother to a small

daughter, who is being trained according to Eta standards of appreciation of Gamma Phi Beta.

At the banquet on April 16th letters were read from some of the older girls, and we feel that with the Eta chapter growing stronger every term and the alumnæ chapter in closer touch the fortunes of Gamma Phi Beta are in good keeping in California.

SYRACUSE

DURING the spring weeks there have been several severe cases among our members of that affliction known as housecleaning; consequently doings have been few. The May meeting with Mrs. Seth Baker was delightful. The day was perfect, and the large piazza made an ideal place for our meeting.

We regret very much that our Sorority president, Mrs. Minnie Curtis Dinsmore, has moved to New York, and we congratulate the New York alumnæ that our loss will be their gain. Besides being a very true and loyal friend, Mrs. Dinsmore was our court of last resort on all sorts of questions, so she will be doubly missed.

On the Saturday before commencement, instead of our spring luncheon we expect to have a picnic at the Williard Homestead through the kindness of Mrs. Cora Willard Fredericks, now of Buffalo. It is a quaint old place about ten miles from the city. The low rooms, with their old fashioned furniture, make one feel as if it might be the eighteenth instead of the twentieth century.

We expect to have the Seniors with us and many of the out-of-town alumnæ who come back for commencement week.

Syracuse alumnæ wishes each Gamma Phi a long, happy vacation.

Personal

Mrs. Helen McCurdy Marvin, Lambda, has a son.

Miss Lucy Scott, Epsilon, is living in Seattle, Wash.

Hazel Plate, Iota, will spend the summer at Elmira, N. Y.

Mrs. Lucia Sedgewick Lockwood, Alpha, has a son, Henry.

Miss Perry of Lambda made Zeta a short visit not long ago.

Gertrude Miller, Beta, '03, visited with Alice Thompson recently.

Tem Aiken, Eta, ex-'04, is now studying music in San Francisco.

Grace Eaton, Alpha, '07, spent Junior week at Colgate University.

Adeline Webb, Zeta, '01, is studying at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt, Alpha, has a daughter, Eloise Estelle.

Winifred Chase, Theta, has gone for a few months' trip to California.

Florence Beach, Iota, is studying in the Chase School in New York city.

Harriet Summers Taylor has left Chicago and gone to live in Michigan.

Anna R. Palmer, Zeta (charter), has been visiting friends in Lynn, Mass.

Ethel Virgin O'Neil, Gamma, and baby spent a few days with us last week.

Miss Emma Loud is teaching in one of the city High Schools in New York.

Kate Willis, Eta, ex-'03, will spend the summer in St. Louis and New York.

Miss Minnie Paterson, Epsilon, has been spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Wilder Whitaker, Delta, has changed her residence to Portland, Me.

Rachel Bessom, Delta, '06, has been appointed Junior proctor for next year.

Mrs. Thomas Brittingham, Gamma, has returned from a three months' trip abroad.

Among the June brides of Alpha are Helen Graves, Rosita Munro and Lida French.

Mrs. Jessie Ross Moon, Epsilon, has moved from Evanston back to Freedom, Ill.

Emogene Day, Alpha, spent a day in Baltimore on her way home from Florida.

Olive Dutcher, Iota, '02, will come east for a few weeks in August and September.

Jessie Horton, Chicago alumnæ, will graduate from Rush Medical School in June.

Mrs. Laura Case-Sherry, Gamma, '94, has a son, who was born Easter morning.

Lindsay Barbee of Denver has been visiting Mabelle Leonard Douglas, Beta, recently.

Loula Mann, Epsilon, '00, was married Feb. 24th to Dr. Howard Gray of Des Moines, Ia.

Alice Preble, Chicago alumnæ, and her husband, have recently spent a few weeks in Cuba.

The engagement of Miss Myra Smith, Lambda, to Mr. Al Dickenson has been announced.

Augusta Durfee Flinterman, Chicago alumnæ, has moved from Ravenswood to Oak Park.

The engagement of Miss Bertha Powers to Mr. George Sohns of Seattle has been announced.

Grace E. G. Ward, Delta, '97, is about to publish "In the Miz," a collection of stories for children.

Ruth Work of Evanston has been visiting in Ann Arbor, and Beta enjoyed a short visit from her.

Mrs. Grace Lasher Berry, Epsilon, has moved into her new home at 1019 Hinman avenue, Evanston.

Marion S. Van Dyne, Theta, of Marshall, Mich., will spend the summer at her home in Greeley, Colo.

Ruth Gordon, Alpha, '05, has been elected to membership in the Senior honorary society, Eta Pi Upsilon.

Miss Edith Adams, Lambda, '06, has announced her engagement to Mr. J. R. Finley of Denver, Colo.

Edna Stitt, Iota, sails for Europe about the middle of June, where she will spend the summer in traveling.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Josephine Ross, Gamma, ex-'02, to Mr. Clarence Fisher.

Miss Pauline Richardson, Gamma, '93, has recently returned to Milwaukee after a year's travel abroad.

Miss Jessie L. Ludden, Lambda, '04, has announced her engagement to Dr. F. L. Horsfall of Seattle, Wash.

Miss Victoria Gazzola, Epsilon, leaves Chicago this month for her summer home at Lake Delavan, Wisconsin.

Miss Clara H. Whitmore, Boston University, is teaching English in the Staten Island High School, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stoddard have recently moved to Madison. Mrs. Stoddard is a Gamma Phi from Iota chapter.

Louise Putnam, one of Delta's charter members, sailed this May for England, where she expects to stay for three months.

Margaret McGregory, Beta, '03, who is teaching in the Kalamazoo High School, spent her spring vacation in Ann Arbor.

A poem, entitled "Ipswich Bay," by Esther W. Bates, Delta, '05, and her brother will appear in a spring number of *The Atlantic*.

Miss Florence Finch, Lambda, has gone to California as a representative from Omega Nu Sorority of the Seattle High School.

Margaret Henderson, Eta, '04, will continue her work on hydroids at the Zoological laboratories at San Diego during the summer.

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth M. English, Delta, '01, to Mr. Joseph Ryan, organist of St. Mary's Church, Brookline.

Mrs. Mary Peterson Gilbert, Freda Hanson, Marie Bennett, Ruth Philipps and Bertha White visited Epsilon during the past month.

Delta has two new Gamma Phi babies, Mrs. Florence Courtwright Graybow, ex-'04, and Mrs. Page Kimball, ex-'03, being the happy mothers.

Two showers have been given in the last week for Elizabeth Pyre, Gamma, and Jessie Westlake, Gamma, who are to be married during the summer.

The engagement of Julia R. Babcock, Alpha, '04, to Melville Dunkley of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been announced. They are to be married this summer.

It is a subject of regret that Olive MacDowell, Iota, has been forced to leave college because of ill health. She is at 193 West Central avenue, Delaware, O.

Margaret Lee, who is studying at the University of Chicago, and Imogene Dobbins, both Zeta girls, surprised us by coming back for a few days in May.

Mrs. Ruth Truax Nagle, Zeta, is residing at 2114 North Charles street, Baltimore. Her husband is one of the many architects called to the aid of the ruined city.

Greta Augustine, Eta, '05, one of the literary editors of the last college annual, has just been elected a member of the Prytaneans, the woman's honor society.

Florence Finch of Lambda recently spent a delightful day with Eugene Gray, Gamma, at Leland Stanford University, where the latter is doing post-graduate work.

On April 14th occurred the wedding of Belle Gage, Alpha, and Rev. Walter S. Dibble, a member of Delta Upsilon, Syracuse. Their home is in Vernon Center, N. J.

The Gamma Phi of Philadelphia, Edith W. Hamlin, Gertrude Hamlin McKee and others, though not organized as an alumnæ chapter, keep up their interest by occasional reunions.

Mary Bunting, Gamma, and Florence Patterson, Epsilon, are both taking courses at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Zeta was glad to have them at fraternity meeting not long ago.

Gertrude Bundy Parker, Chicago alumnæ, and her husband, have recently returned from Florida, where Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. Parker's children had been spending part of the winter.

Miss Doll of Denver, who has been east for several months, spent part of a day with Zeta on her way through Baltimore. Zeta enjoyed very much hearing so directly from convention.

The engagement of Lucile Timberlake, Theta, to Fred M. Stone is announced. Also that of Margaret McNeil, Theta, to Fred Murray, and of Edith J. Boughton, Theta, to Wilbur Dennis.

Miss Edna Hilton, formerly of Boston chapter, has changed her address to 3113 Fremont avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minn., where she has recently accepted a position to teach in the High School.

Miss Louise L. Putnam, Delta, a member of the Massachusetts Society for the University Education of Women, gave a talk before the Riverside Club of Saugus, Mass., on "How Some Girls Go Through College."

Among the Zeta girls who spent their Easter vacation at the Ashland, Asbury Park, were Edith Fisher, Mary Webb, Helen and Mary Dingle, Jane Smart, Mary Sawyers, Ethel Shreiner, Bess Brown, Belle Baker and Lura Correll. Mrs. Schreiner of Baltimore chaperoned the party.



ZETA'S DEN



Mrs. Anne Mailton-Haywood, Delta chapter, is a most model mother and housekeeper as well as homemaker and by her studies in cookery has proven that college does not unfit women for household duties. She has been studying foods from a scientific standpoint and a practical application.

Lillian C. White, Epsilon, sailed from New York Feb. 25th for an extended trip abroad. With her party, she reached Naples the 11th of March and since then has taken the Nile trip, returning to Rome the 3rd of April. She will continue her travels through Europe until this next August.

Miss Anna M. Putnam, Delta chapter, recently wrote a very bright story, "Alice in Starland," that was read with speaking tableaux before the Starr Club of Lynn, Mass. This is Miss Putnam's second successful story for this club. Miss Elizabeth P. Putnam was the president of the club last year and is still one of the bright stars of the cooking class of the club.

Zeta chapter deply regrets to learn of the death of Edith Yates Truax of Chicago, the only sister of Ruth Truax Nagle, Zeta. Many of the Zeta and Woman's College girls remember Edith Truax as a charming girl and an attractive friend. She was on her way west for her health with her mother when her death occurred in San Antonio, Tex., April 6th.

It is with regret and sympathy that we announce the following deaths: Mrs. Hurlburt, the mother of Jessie Hurlburt Hodge and her sister, Helen, both of Alpha, died early in the year. She was spending the winter with Mrs. Hodge in Glenside, near Philadelphia. Emelie E. Emerson died on May 1st, 1903, the bride of Rev. Geo. R. Montgomery of Bridgeport, Conn. They were married June 22nd, 1902, in Wakefield, Mass. Daisy E. Soule, Epsilon, the wife of Mr. Theodore R. Hugo of Bridgeport, Conn., died of pneumonia Sept. 27th, 1902. She was buried at her home in Plainwell, Mich.

Miss Louise L. Putnam of Boston University, Delta chapter, is one of the board of directors of the National Club Woman, Corporation, Boston, and on the editorial staff of the magazine published by the corporation, *Homecraft and National Club Woman's Review*, and Miss Augusta N. Putnam has furnished several illustrations for the same magazine. A sample copy of three months back of the magazine may be had free by applying to *Homecraft and National Club Woman's Review*, 177 Huntington Ave., Boston. Price per year for subscriptions is \$1.00; single copy of current number, 10 cents.

Mary E. Palmer, Epsilon, '99, and Dr. Clinton Leroy Babcock of Ithaca, N. Y., were married Monday, March 28th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Palmer, 65 West Main street, Chicago Heights, Ill. The date is the bride's birthday. Dr. Babcock is at present a professor in the department of Latin and Roman archæology, Cornell University. Dr. and Mrs. Babcock will sail June 11th for Europe and during the next three years will reside in Berlin, Germany, where Dr. Babcock will represent the Bureau of University Travel of Boston, Paris and Berlin. Two of the bridesmaids, Frieda Hansen of Sioux City, Ia., and Marie Bennett of Litchfield, Ill., and the matron of honor, Mrs. Barry Gilbert of Iowa City, *nee* Mary McAtee Peterson, were Epsilon Gamma Phis.

The Boston *Herald* gives us the news of a clever writer in our midst, and Gamma Phi is proud to have her on her roll: The students of Boston University are highly elated over the success of a play written by one of the Seniors, Miss Maisie B. Whiting of Franklin, and presented by the Beacon Literary Society before a large audience in the college hall on Somerset street this afternoon. It is a farce, entitled "Mrs. Temple's Fancy Ball," and gives a picture of wealth and society combined. Miss Whiting, although just completing her college course, has a considerable reputation as a writer, being the author of several farces which are published by a prominent dramatic publishing house, and she has also written verse and stories for recent publications. This same play was given May 18th by the alumnae of Wellesley High School with great success, and the playwright was called before the curtain for a speech by the audience.



The attention of our readers is especially asked for the ad. of J. I. Bell, as found on another page. Be kind enough to call the attention of property owners in that vicinity to it.

Greek News

Alpha Chi Omega has recently published her first song book.

We wish to withdraw the statement that was made in our last issue, to the effect that Pi Beta Phi had entered the University of Minnesota.

Delta Gamma announces the publication of a new songbook, issued in May.

The biennial convention of Delta Delta Delta will be held this year June 22nd with their Epsilon chapter at Galesburg.

Alpha Chi Omega has entered the University of Wisconsin. This institution now has chapters of all the national Sororities.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is expected to enter the Newcomb Woman's College of Tulane University before the close of this college year.

Chi Omega's quarterly, *The Eleusis*, is in its sixth volume. This Sorority will hold its third biennial convention at St. Louis Aug. 10, 11, 12.

The Anchora, of Delta Gamma, in its last issue appeared in a new style, the change in the paper and cover making a big improvement in its makeup.

The Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, confined to musical schools, now has seven chapters in five states—Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

The March issue of *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi devoted most of its pages to a full and detailed report from the secretary of the fraternity. It is indicative of the fact that its officers have the fraternity well in hand.

Delta Gamma annually holds examinations in the Sorority at large, and this year an analysis of the constitution and by-laws and suggestions in regard to improvement along financial and parliamentary lines were considered.

By the action of the general fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, a plain, unjeweled pin was made the only official badge of the fraternity, and their jewelers have been forbidden to make or sell any more jeweled pins. Sigma Nu has taken the same step.

Considerable interest is being evinced in the new fraternity recently organized at Ann Arbor by students of Michigan University. The new

fraternity will be called the Arcacia, and none are eligible to membership except they be Master Masons. The insignia departs from the Greek letter idea and uses Hebrew characters.

The anti-fraternity war has ended at Wofford College, South Carolina, with the following laws: First, That no organization (fraternity or non-fraternity) should initiate any one who had not been in college a year. Second, That any organization breaking this rule should, upon recommendation of the faculty, be abolished at once from the institution.

Zeta Tau Alpha, a Sorority chartered in 1902 by the Virginia legislature, is publishing a journal, *Themis*. The editor is Mrs. N. E. Davis of Jellico, Tenn. This Sorority has recently entered the University of Arkansas, absorbing Delta Phi, local, which becomes Epsilon chapter. Delta Phi has existed as a local since 1897, and, though opposed by Chi Omega, a national, has always more than held her own.

At a recent meeting of a beneficent society connected with the College of Liberal Arts, Dr. Huntington, the newly elected president of Boston University, spoke in warm commendation of the effect of the Greek letter societies upon the life of the college. Dr. Huntington, as dean of the College has had for years the opportunity of seeing at close range the working of the societies, and it is therefore a high commendation that he should be able so warmly to praise their influence upon the college man and woman.

From a Chicago paper we have the following in regard to the founding of a fraternity: "The first Greek fraternity of colored students in the United States has been organized at Indiana University. The name of Alpha Kappa Mu has been adopted. The total membership is ten, which includes all the colored people attending the University. A constitution was adopted, and chapters will be established in all the leading negro colleges. It is expected to make Wilberforce, Ohio, the second chapter. A badge is now being designed."

A correspondent of *The Trident*, of Delta Delta Delta, enters a protest against "the unusual uses to which many Sorority women subject their pins, and says: "The emblems of their respective societies are used upside down, or right side up, in place of a lost shirt waist button, or they are called upon to supply the missing link in a cuff, to fasten a stock, to pin a belt securely or even to clasp milady's stray, scolding locks; in fact, they are put to every use that woman's marvelous ingenuity can devise."

Delta Upsilon's quarterly says: "Doubtless the most important things accomplished by our recent convention were: First, the inauguration of systematic fraternity examinations throughout our chapters; second, the

vote to issue an official fraternity handbook for the use of the chapter members in dealing with candidates and in informing members of the fraternity in general; third, the decision establishing a graduate committee on internal development, to be composed jointly of members of the executive council and representative graduates of the fraternity. All three of these are definite steps in the line of progress."

A site for a Hall of Fame for women, adjoining the present Hall of Fame of the New York University, has been set apart. Places will be provided for fifty tablets for American women of native birth and ten for American women of foreign birth. In 1905 ten native and two foreign born American women will be selected, and in each succeeding quinquennial year two native born American and in each decennial year beginning with 1910 one foreign born woman will be added. Until the building is completed tablets will be placed upon the walls of the Museum of the Hall of Fame. Visitors at the St. Louis Exposition will be invited to nominate persons for the Hall of Fame names to be inscribed in 1905.

The following fraternities appear for various reasons unable to maintain official magazines: Delta Phi, Sigma Phi and Northern Kappa Alpha have never to the writer's information supported papers. Delta Psi, Chi Phi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi and Zeta Psi have had only spasmodic success at the enterprise and are now out of the magazine business. Chi Psi has some sort of a sheet, but doesn't exchange, while Phi Kappa Sigma has "broke down" and now publishes only a "News Letter," not for general circulation. All other fraternities now maintain official magazines open for general subscriptions, and most of them, in addition, have their official paper for confidential and official matter.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The Delta of Sigma Nu speaks as follows of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and of its quarterly: "The first issue of *The Alpha Xi Delta*, quarterly of the Sorority of that name, is at hand. It is a fine product of the "art preservative of all arts" and compels the deliberate statement that no fraternity ever projected a magazine superior to this. From cover to cover it is an intellectual and mechanical beauty. Mrs. Anna Gillis Kimble, Galesburg, Ill., is editor-in-chief; assistant, Miss Mary E. Kean, Alliance, O.; business manager, Miss Axie Lute, Mt. Pleasant, Ia. This Sorority was born into the sisterhood of lady "fraternities" eleven years ago, April 17th, at Lombard University, and Sigma Nu stood godfather at the christening. Throughout the interesting "Retrospect," or history, by Mrs. Ella Leib, its first grand secretary, whose beautiful features adorn the issue, the services of Sigma Nu at Galesburg, Ill., are

gratefully recorded. *The Delta* of last August told of the first convention of this Sorority at Galesburg, with group pictures, and of its social and business affairs. Its first grand president, Mrs. Cora J. Block, is the accomplished wife of Bro. Louis Block, a charter member of our Iowa State chapter, a prominent lawyer of Davenport, Ia. Already there are five thriving chapters—Lombard, Iowa, Wesleyan, Mt. Union, Bethany and South Dakota. Locals elsewhere, as they learn of the valiant struggle of this splendid society that has now been crowned with such glorious success, are petitioning for charters.



Our Contemporaries in Black and White

We acknowledge the receipt of exchanges as follows:

February.—*Delta*, of Sigma Nu; *The Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta; *Beta Theta Pi*.

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May.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.



Although the factory of our official jeweler, Mr. A. H. Fetting, was completely destroyed by fire in the Baltimore fire, the entire stock of pins was saved, and they are able to care for all orders intrusted to them.

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EUNICE ADELINE CURTIS, S. U., '78

DEAR SISTERS ALL.

How much more satisfactory it would be if I could take each one of you by the hand and tell you how happy I am to belong to the "four" who thirty years ago made it possible for each one of you to be a sister in Gamma Phi Beta. We started with high ambitions and exalted dreams of the future, and you have nobly fulfilled them. I wish I could make you realize how proud we are of your achievements and how great is our trust in you for the future. It may not be our privilege to know each other here on earth, but may we be an unbroken band around the Great White Throne. Yours faithfully,

EUNICE ADELINE CURTIS.



HELEN M. DODGE FERGUSON, S. U., '76

LOVING GREETING TO THE
DEAR SISTERS OF GAMMA
BETA:

May the great moral principles of our Sorority be the inspiring and dominating power in the life of each, that "the whole building fitly framed together" may grow into a complete and symmetrical structure.

Most cordially,
HELEN M. DODGE FERGUSON.



MARY BINGHAM WILLOUGHBY, S. U., '78

A WORD OF GREETING:

Is it possible that thirty years have passed since four girls, full of hope and ambition, banded themselves together in the new Sorority of Gamma Phi Beta! Their wildest dreams never led them to imagine the wonderful growth that was to follow.

It has always been a cause for regret that distance has prevented closer touch being kept with the sisterhood in its interesting development, but we rejoice with you all in your marvelous prosperity.

Occasionally we meet a sister, now from Madison, or from Michigan, or Northwestern, and twice it has been our pleasure to meet quite a goodly delegation, and the question has always been "How is it with Gamma Phi?" Tell me of her success and growth.

In the beginning of another year we greet you, sister Gamma Phis, and we ask you that you will ever cherish the high ideals of broad culture, strong character, the desire for helpfulness and most of all true, earnest womanhood that were ever present in the hearts of your founders.

May your badge signify to all around that you stand for the highest type of womanhood. Be cordial, be gracious, be sincere.

May you have a good ingathering of choice spirits who will find in you true sisterly sympathy and an uplift toward a higher, better and more helpful life.

With the best of wishes for your continued prosperity I am, as ever,
Your Gamma Phi sister,

FRANCES E. MOSS.



A Retrospect

BY MARY WHITFORD, ALPHA, '81.

WHEN Canon Farrar was in America, nearly twenty years ago, he visited many of the colleges and universities of the land. In an address he made in Chicago at a mass meeting of college people he named three institutions as the ones that had impressed him most; one of these was Syracuse, and that which had impressed him there was the "spirit of enthusiasm" of her students.

The women students at least must have had this "spirit of enthusiasm" from the very first, for in a little more than three years from the day the University opened her doors to students two of the foremost women's Greek letter societies had been founded there; Gamma Phi Beta, on November 11, 1874, two years later than the founding of Alpha Phi.



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY IN 1874

Of the founders of Gamma Phi Beta, Helen Mary Dodge (Ferguson) was a junior, Frances Elizabeth Haven (Moss) a sophomore, and Mary Alice Bingham (Willoughby) and Eunice Adeline Curtis were freshmen. They had each decided not to affiliate with the existing society, and, as they were close friends, decided to form one for themselves. Those of us who know them can easily imagine the part in the organization that would fall to each. Miss Dodge, as upper classman, with her orderly, logical mind, naturally taking her place as leader.

At the request of the young women Miss Haven's father, Erastus Otis Haven, D. D., L. L. D.—then the chancellor of the University, but afterwards a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church—was asked to name the new society. He suggested six different names; from these Gamma Phi Beta was chosen on November 20.

A pin or badge was one of the first essentials. For some reason the privilege of designing one for the new order fell to the lot of two sophomores, members of a local society which became the Pi chapter of Psi Upsilon the following year. One of them, Charles Melville Moss, now professor of Greek at the University of Illinois, married Miss Haven in 1878; the other, Charles Newell Cobb, is at present an inspector of the University of the State of New York. The pins, as first made, were just one inch in diameter; the letters of the monogram were chased, but were not raised above the surface of the crescent; the whole pin was slightly convex. A guard pin, consisting of the letter S, was attached by a chain. Guards were worn on all pins for fully twenty years.

After the Beta chapter was established its members used an Old English M for their guard. The initial letter of the name of the universities, however, gave place to the Greek initial of the name of the chapter after Gamma was established, as an old English M and W were too similar to be easily distinguished.

Bertha Boomer (Brooks), of the class of '81, was the first person who had a pin differ in any respect from the original ones; in hers the letter phi was set with pearls. More jeweled pins than plain ones have been made since hers. The style of pin has changed several times. Many were made with the whole monogram jeweled. In some cases a different kind of stone was used for each letter, some of these representing more novelty and expense than taste.

Only two new members were added to the society during the year of its organization. They were M. Clara Worden (Wilcox) and Barbara Flora Crane (Van Wagoner), members of the sophomore class. The former was initiated March 19, the latter June 4. Some may be interested to know that Miss Worden was not only the first initiate, but was also the first Gamma Phi Beta wife, mother and grandmother.

During the first year the weekly meetings were held at the homes of the members. On February 19 there was no meeting, as three of the young women were out of the city, and the fourth objected to having a meeting all alone.

At the end of the college year a banquet was held, though but five of the six members were present. This was the smallest banquet Alpha ever had; her largest was that of June, 1900, when there were ninety-nine in attendance.

At the beginning of the next college year Professor John J. Brown, L. L. D., of the science department, offered the society the use of his private study for their meetings. This was a large northeast room on the first floor of the Hall of Languages, the only building of the University at that time. The young women very gladly accepted this offer and used the study the whole year, even holding their anniversary exercises there, on November 11. This room is now the classical seminar room.

In honor of Dr. Brown, on October 8, the society color was changed from light blue to the present colors, two shades of brown. These new colors were first used at the public exercises

of the Delta Kappa Epsilon convention, held in Syracuse that autumn.

At the time of the birthday anniversary the members numbered ten, as a sophomore and three freshmen had been initiated that autumn. A double celebration of the birthday was held on November 11, a banquet in the afternoon and a reception in the evening. One of the pleasant features of the banquet was the singing of a society song composed for the occasion by Miss Dodge. This is the first Gamma Phi Beta song of which there is any record, and was undoubtedly "Greet We Each Other." The reception was at the home of Miss Curtis, and was given by her in honor of the society. A large number of college and city friends attended.

All the members of the society were at the banquet except Miss Ida Noble, one of the freshmen. She was in the hospital suffering with smallpox. She never resumed her work in college, but went to her home as soon as well enough, making the first break in the society; and her death, which occurred during the summer of '77, was the first in the sisterhood.

The custom of celebrating the organization of the society by a banquet, inaugurated on this first anniversary, has been followed ever since at Syracuse.

Miss Dodge graduated in June, 1876, the first graduate of the chapter. She remained at her home in Syracuse a number of years afterwards, so the society still had her advice and help.

The third, fourth and fifth years the society held meetings in the parlor of a private house near the University, renting the same for the afternoons of the meetings. Three, ten and twelve new members, respectively, were added these years. After this rooms in the center of the city, in a business block, were rented and furnished, and the society met there till the present chapter house life was adopted.

In the spring of 1882, the total membership of the society being fifty-nine, Kate Isabelle Gardner (Cooke), a freshman, wrote to a friend in the University of Michigan about estab-

lishing a chapter of Gamma Phi Beta there. Alpha Phi had already a second chapter at Northwestern University. Miss Gardner's friend replied that she was a member of a society already at the University, but that she thought another woman's society might be established there very successfully. She sent a list of names of the young women she thought most desirable for charter members of such a chapter. Correspondence with some of these young women followed, and as a result Misses Ella Irene French and Kate I. Gardner went to Ann Arbor and established the Beta chapter June 7, 1882. Some of the other early chapters were established in a somewhat similar manner.

Chapters established during the past few years may well think this is a contrast to the way they have had to work and wait to obtain their charters, but they must remember that until then Gamma Phi Beta was a local society, but little known in the college world outside of Syracuse University.

No announcement of the new chapter was made until the delegates were home. That evening Miss Jessie Zelette Decker entertained the society in honor of the event, and the city papers gave the news to the world.

Next morning, on their way to college, some of the young women met Professor Frank Smalley, of the Latin department. Professor Smalley is now dean of the Liberal Arts College and father of Miss Bessie Smalley, of the class of 1903, who died a year ago. He remarked that he presumed they felt very much elated on account of being members of a sorority. The new name was immediately adopted, and Gamma Phi Beta has been a sorority ever since. As far as I know no other society has ever officially assumed the name, although it is used universally in college publications and by college officials when referring to women's organizations.

May I say particularly, that we older members are proud of the fact that Gamma Phi Beta was the first sorority, and are zealous for the use of the name at all times. I was tempted to protest against the use of "fraternity" in referring to Gamma

Phi Beta in a number of articles in last year's CRESCENT. Alpha seldom transgresses in this respect, as some of us are always at hand and correct her should she forget.

Gamma Phi Beta has always been conservative. At the thirtieth anniversary of its founding it has but eleven Greek letter chapters—that is, chapters which acquire members by initiation. Fully as many charters have been refused as granted during these thirty years. The Gamma chapter was established at the University of Wisconsin November 14, 1885, the members of Beta having done most of the work. Delta, of Boston University, established by Alpha April 22, 1887; Epsilon, at Northwestern, October 13, 1888, Beta being her sponsor also; Zeta, at Baltimore University, by Alpha, November 24, 1893; Eta, at the University of California, by Beta alumnae, April, 1894; Theta, at Denver University, by Zeta, December, 1898; Iota, at Barnard College, by Alpha alumnae; Kappa, at University of Minnesota, largely through the influence of Louise Jones (Crooker), an Alpha alumna, assisted by the Gamma chapter, on May 23, 1902, and Lambda, at the University of Washington, on May 7, 1903.

There are six graduate, or alumnae chapters, established in the following order: Chicago, Boston, Syracuse, New York, Milwaukee and San Francisco.

It is worthy of note that almost without exception the chapters are at state universities or at institutions under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The first convention of the sorority was held in Syracuse, in November, 1883. Miss Isadore Thompson was the one visiting delegate. Some may be interested to know that the minutes of the proceedings of this convention, together with an account of the festivities—six full pages, about six by eight inches in size when written with a large hand, another contrast with the present.

The second convention was at Ann Arbor, in 1884. Alpha sent three delegates. The third convention was at Syracuse, and the fourth again at Ann Arbor, but three chapters were

represented here by delegates, as the Gamma chapter was nearly a year old. The fifth convention was with Gamma, the sixth with Delta, and the seventh with Epsilon.

In 1890 the convention was again held in Syracuse, and was called the "Sixteenth Annual Convention of Gamma Phi Beta," as it was decided that the number of years since the founding of the sorority should give the convention its name rather than the number of times chapters had actually met in convention. This is customary in such organizations, and was especially appropriate in this case, as reunion exercises had been held each year since the founding.

The seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth conventions were held with Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon chapters in regular order, but the twenty-first, in 1895, was at Syracuse, as Alpha wished to celebrate that event. The twenty-second was with Zeta, twenty-third with Beta, twenty-fourth with Gamma, twenty-fifth with Delta, twenty-sixth with Epsilon, twenty-seventh with Zeta, twenty-eighth with Eta at Berkeley, California, being the first Greek letter convention west of the Rocky Mountains and the second west of the Mississippi River; the twenty-ninth was with Theta, at Denver.

The first publication of the sorority was a song book, published in 1887, under the direction of Beta. Our present song book was published by Delta in 1896.

Two directories have been published, one in charge of Alpha in 1894, and the other by Epsilon in 1900.

THE CRESCENT, the sorority quarterly, was published for three years by the Delta chapter, and the past year by Zeta.

We are sorry that the statistics of the sorority can not be given here, but there was not enough time between the opening of the colleges this autumn and the date on which THE CRESCENT goes to press to communicate with the distant chapters. We suggest, however, that each Greek letter chapter send statistics to THE CRESCENT, and that they be published in the near future.

Our founders could not look ahead these thirty years and see Gamma Phi Beta as she is, with her chapters reaching from ocean to ocean and her hundreds of members scattered throughout the land. Yet those of us who can look back, as I can, to twenty-seven of these years, realize that she meant the same to us then that she does now, and that those who went out from Gamma Phi Beta in the early years found in her the same help and inspiration that she gives today.

In Memoriam



ELLA IRENE FRENCH

Ella Irene French was born in Fulton, N. Y., on June 8, 1854. Her early life was spent in Mexico, N. Y., until her parents removed to Lima, N. Y., where her father became Professor of Mathematics in Genesee College. When, in 1871, that college was merged in Syracuse University, the family came to Syracuse and Dr. French held the chair of Mathematics from that time until his death in 1897. He was also Dean of the College of Liberal Arts from '78 to '97, and Vice-Chancellor of the University. '95 to '97.

Through her mother's ancestors she traced direct lineage to John and Priscilla Alden, and was an honored member of the Society of the Descendants of the Mayflower. When the College of Fine Arts was established in 1877 she entered the Senior class in the musical course, graduating in June, '78. Previous to this time she had studied with William Sherwood of Boston, and also with masters in Stuttgart, Germany. After her graduation she taught for a time in a school for

young ladies in Auburn, N. Y., and at Wells College, coming in 1884 to Syracuse University, where she was Professor of Music until her death. During the absence of Dr. Parker in 1900, she had full charge of the musical department for the entire year, and most acceptably fulfilled that trust, as she did all others. In June, 1901, accompanied by her mother and niece, she went abroad for a much needed rest and with the hope of study in the musical centers of Germany, if her strength should permit,—but while in Berlin she suffered from a long and severe illness from which she never fully recovered.

Returning in October, 1902, she again took up her work, although far from well, and in June, 1903, met with a most crushing blow in the death of her mother, to whom she gave the love and devotion of a daughter and the comradeship of a sister. Almost prostrated by ill health and sorrow, she continued her college work, living in the old home where she had loving friends to comfort her, though those who knew her best knew how lonely she was at heart. Her brother and his family urged her to give up the struggle and live with them in Rochester, but she hoped for better health and felt that her work was here. She continued with her classes until the June examinations were finished, and on the day the last one was over she went to bed never to rise again, dying on June 24.

She was initiated into Gamma Phi Beta in the fall of '78, and from that time until her death continued her active membership in the Alpha Chapter.

She was also one of the charter members of the Syracuse Alumnae Chapters and one of its most active and valued sisters.

To a most unusual degree she had the welfare and interests of her Sorority at heart. Outside her own family, it was the dearest thing in the world to her, and every Gamma Phi, near or far, seen or unseen, was truly held to be her sister. Pre-eminently clear-minded and absolutely just, her advice and judgment were often sought by friends as well as Gamma Phi sisters, and never sought in vain. The loss to the Sorority is irremediable, while to her friends has come a great bereavement. It seems impossible that we shall never see her cheerful countenance again, nor hear her voice so full of love and interest for all that pertains to Gamma Phi,—but her spirit is with us still,—the example she set of loyalty, of never-wavering justice, of cheerfulness and patience under suffering and sorrow, is yet before us, and the best tribute that Gamma Phi can offer to her memory, is for each sister to follow that example as best she can.

Emerson said "A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature," and Ella French was indeed a true and constant friend.

KATE GARDNER COOKE,
Syracuse Alumnae.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to take unto Himself our beloved sister, Ella Irene French; and

WHEREAS, In the death of Miss French we have lost a sister who exemplified in her life the noble principles of our Sorority; and

WHEREAS, In her death the Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta has lost one of her truest and most valued members, and one whose memory shall ever be loved by the sisters of our Chapter; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in THE CRESCENT, and be included in the minutes of Syracuse Alumnæ Chapter.

JEANETTE F. LEETE,
GENEVIEVE O. POSTER,
Committee.

FLORENCE FREULER

The splendid coloring of a sunset must be succeeded by the paler, fainter afterglow which, in its mere suggestion of former glory, still touches all with a mystical light that is all its own. A life that has been pure and true, a nature that has been endowed with power to help and strengthen others can never die; the sweet and lasting memory must ever influence, uplift and vivify.

From the day when we first pinned the double brown upon her, Florence Freuler was a potent factor in the life of Theta. We watched her in her brave struggle for health; we saw her, ever cheerful, bright and unselfish; we knew her loyalty to the crescent and all that it symbolized; and instinctively we gave her our deepest affection and trust, knowing that she was one who exemplified in life and action the true meaning of friendship and sisterhood.

We are right in saying that no one can ever fill her place in Theta's circle; we know that her service to our chapter will never be forgotten, and that her life will ever be to us a sweet and tender memory.

"We cannot say, and we will not say
That she is dead. She is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.
Think of her faring on as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here.
Think of her still as the same we say
She is not dead—she is just away."

M. L. B.

Boston Alumnae wish to offer tender sympathy to Elizabeth Moulton Thorndike, Delta, '00, who lost, July 17, her little daughter Virginia Moulton Thorndike, aged two weeks.

This summer Gamma was very much grieved and surprised to hear of the sudden death of Blanche Shearer, of Green Bay.

Mrs. Sara Ostrander, mother of Ethel Ostrander Smith, Alpha, died September 24.

Boston Chapter wishes to extend sincere sympathy to May Ingraham Wren, because of the long and critical illness of her husband, Professor Frank G. Wren, head of the Mathematical Department, Tufts College. We are relieved to hear of his convalescence and hope before this issue of THE CRESCENT he will have regained his health.

It will be of interest to the Chapter to learn that Professor and Mrs. Wren are now living at their new address, 114 Professors' Row.

From the Alpha Phi Quarterly comes this kindly sympathetic notice of the death of our Alpha sister:

"Our sister Sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, receives the condolence of Alpha Phi because of the death of Professor Ella Irene French, S. U., '78. Professor French was one of the noble college women who left her impress of strength of character upon all who knew her. Her sisterhood to whose interest she was loyally devoted loses a wise counsellor, a faithful friend."

This expression of sympathy from our sister Sorority is very acceptable to us in this time of our great sorrow and loss. It is a pleasure to know that one who was so dear to our Sorority was so highly esteemed by those outside our circle and that her memory is so tenderly cherished by our friends in Alpha Phi. We would thank them for their words of condolence.

The Convention in New York

PERHAPS a few words about the approaching convention in November will not come amiss.

First of all, Iota wants to express her pleasure in entertaining this year. She is thankful for this opportunity to know her sister chapters better and to be made known. This is the first Gamma Phi convention that has ever been held in New York, and that fact should lend special interest to our gathering for several reasons. Modesty prevents us from telling the numerous attractions which Iota herself has to offer, but the New Yorker's provincialism cannot be downed in that way, and we must say it will be well worth any one's time to come here just to see our beautiful University, overlooking the Hudson. This river is the glory of New York. If you don't believe it come and see. There is one injunction, however, which must be deeply graven on the tablets of your memory—bring plenty of hat pins.

Our business meetings will be held in Earl Hall, a cozy little building on the Columbia Campus devoted entirely to the use of the various student organizations which flourish in the classic air of Morningside Heights. The rooms in this hall are so homelike and attractive that it is a serious question with us as to whether or not any business will be transacted at all. We have been informed by those who know that four blank walls and very straight-backed chairs—the kind that catch you between the shoulders—are very conducive to the rapid transaction of business. But, then, it's easy to advance theories.

Calendars will be sent to each chapter giving the schedule of happening for the days of the convention—November 8 to 11—and each delegate will receive the name and address of her prospective hostess before coming to New York. It is therefore very important that Iota have the names of the delegates

at once, so that ample time will be allowed for arrangements and safe and speedy forwarding of luggage be insured. This sounds like a traveler's guide, but the information seems really necessary.

The following is a partial

PROGRAM.

—Tuesday, November 8.—

P. M.—Informal reception at home of Edna N. Stitt, 156 West Ninety-third street.

—Wednesday, November 9.—

A. M.—Opening business session, Earl Hall (Columbia Campus).

P. M.—Formal reception at home of Mrs. H. N. Marvin, 340 Riverside Drive.

—Thursday, November 10.—

A. M.—Business session, Earl Hall.

P. M.—Automobile tour. (Starting point not known yet.)

—Friday, November 11.—

A. M.—Business session, Earl Hall.

P. M.—Six o'clock, banquet at Hotel Savoy, Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, followed in evening by dance.

Once again Iota extends a cordial invitation to her sisters, while the New York alumnae chapter as well heartily seconds our hospitable intentions, and is fully determined to play the gracious hostess for us to the best of her ability.

Any inquiries may be directed to

UNA A. WINTERBURN,
105 Riverside Drive, New York City.



THIS number closes our fourth volume of THE CRESCENT. To those who have made it what it is we are grateful. This is a labor which has been much enjoyed by the new editor, and we dare say by the assistants. The charm of the friendly intercourse which has been started we would dislike to break. The circle is sufficiently comprehensive for all Gamma Phis, and we wish that all might come with us as readers and enjoy our intercourse.



Our Anniversary

THE splendid "Retrospect" which Mary Whitford has given us opens a fresh vein of love for our sorority. There are those in our number who have lived to see the consummation of their dreams. On the other hand, some of us, in our personality and relation to our chapters, are the reality of cherished hopes which were fashioned in the past by our beloved founders. Though possibly Gamma Phi Beta of 1904 is not in all particulars what the four had anticipated, we do trust that the realization of their ideals is a latent possibility.



OUR next issue will aim to give to all who are not fortunate enough to have the opportunity of accepting Iota's cordial hospitality to attend the convention as good an idea of the delightful days of the session as pen and ink can produce.

Agora

This Department is open to all, and it is hoped that both Alumni and Actives will send in their contributions. The names will not be published, but the Editor asks that the name be signed.

What We, As Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta, Owe To Our Sorority

WE have already learned that the ideal Gamma Phi Beta must stand for definite ideas and aims, which she should first carry out in her own life and then in the life of her Sorority. She must be at home with any one, everywhere and anywhere she may go. She must be very careful of her personal appearance and her conversation and always use good judgment in the choice of her associates. When a girl enters college, she has to use great care in picking out her companions, for "by their friends ye shall know them."

The subject, "What we owe to our Sorority," naturally divides itself into these two parts—that which we as members should give to our Sorority and that which we owe for what we have received from our Sorority.

What is essential for the success and progress of a chapter is true Sorority spirit, defined recently to "include enthusiasm, earnestness, courage and the like." Not only must we feel our duty and responsibility as members of Gamma Phi Beta, but we must have that enthusiasm which should accompany all our dutiful efforts.

Because some of our rushing parties do not turn out quite the way we would have them, we should not immediately become despondent. Each sister should be loyal and faithful to the high standards of the Sorority and hold her pledge as most sacred and binding.

Now the question arises, Why should we be thankful for what we have received? If a Sorority has the true aim in view (which we feel Gamma Phi Beta has), every individual member may receive some help to a higher and better living. Where so many

girls are constantly thrown together, excellent opportunities for personal development in self control and self sacrifice are afforded. One of the greatest privileges of our lives as Gamma Phis is our social relation one with another. It is much to be regretted that we of Iota have not the pleasure of such intimate contact with other Sororities in the same college as exists in the west. Not only a girl's college life, but her future, is influenced by the society she enters. She may still, as an alumna, hold close connection with her chapter and continue her former pleasant relations.

In conclusion, we who hold the privileges of membership in Gamma Phi Beta must always fight against that spirit of reserve toward others who are not of us. We should never want to make those who are non-frat girls feel uncomfortable in our presence, even though we may rejoice in the intimate associations which our Sorority brings us.

When Gamma Phi Beta Sits in Judgment

IF ONE could look behind screens and disarrange draperies that hide chapter histories there would be disclosed judgments which, according to national ideals, were not justly made. Is it not imperative that Gamma Phi should consider well when she sits in judgment upon a criticised member? The good is dominant in each one of us, more at one time than at another. Why do any of us ever act otherwise than at the dictation of the ideal self? What is it that leads us on to mistakes in the face of our own best judgment? What is it that bests us 'fore and aft and bilaterally to yield to perverse impulses? Not one of us can answer this baffling puzzle in her individual life. But how easy to forget this when a majority, right or wrong, stand supporting one another against a criticised sorority sister! The judged one stands, for the first time, alone—helpless, hurt, resentful, yet hungering for compassion, justice and sympathetic understanding. She has in some way failed to meet the sorority standard. Perhaps she has shown a careless, too free

attitude toward men, or she has in some way failed in straightforwardness. She has brought criticism upon herself and her sorority. Is Gamma Phi going to mercilessly conclude her action comes from character and not from impulse? As a reed stung by a wild bee will bloat until it is sufficient house for her hatch, so every act of this criticised member may be perverted and distorted so that it will appear a sign post for criticism. Whatever one wishes to see in another that may be presented by his own point of view for his reflection—and it is not always just. Is Gamma Phi Beta always slow to turn away? Does she always recognize the primeval for the good and true? Does she always see truth—pale, best, striving and struggling to live—in the eyes that are blinded as much by tears of remorse as of resentment?

What does Gamma Phi Beta say? Does she say, "You have failed of our ideal, you have not met us frankly, you have hurt us in the eyes of the college world, we cannot support you. It is best for you and for the sorority that you do not remain in this college among us. Of course, we do not seek expulsion or any spreading of the matter outside of our chapter, but it is best you should go to some new place and begin over." Does Gamma Phi Beta say this? Or does she say, "You have failed of our ideal, but if you recognize this and prove it to us, we will support you, despite the fact you have hurt yourself and the sorority by your conduct. We will show the college world that if you have done wrong you have it in you to do right, and because you are a Gamma Phi, and because you have your sorority back of you, you can be strong enough to overcome prejudice and ill report. As an answer to open comment or covert remark, we can bring people face to face with a re-created Gamma Phi whose nobility none but the narrow and malicious can help recognize. It is finer to stay and live down what you have done than to run away from it. We are with you until you prove there is no good in you."

Which is the attitude of the sorority as a whole? Of course, there can be but one answer, and yet, when it comes down to

specific cases, how many chapters judge as they do in the abstract?

In the first case a girl goes away from her college world, and strives with what remnant of courage she has left to begin life in another place. She has looked to Gamma Phi Beta for a compassion and consideration which she has not found. She was ready to prove her real womanliness—and she was turned away. The courage which showed in her readiness to undergo the ordeal of facing things was not recognized for what it showed of strength of character. How can she put on her pin with the same feeling? No non-sorority girl, lonely and embittered, can ever feel the suffering which comes in the galling experience of a sorority girl in this position. She is without the sorority incentive—the real womanliness in her gives her a poignant punishment in self-blame—the burden of it is very heavy—her best motives, which rose before sorority criticism, are coiled in her defeat. Is this Gamma Phi Beta's gain?

In the second case the girl stays in college. Womanly sympathy and help from her sorority proves her greatest blessing. She is saved the experience of leaving her chapter without the sweetest memories. Out of the darkness grows a girl strong and noble enough to counteract the derogatory influence of right or wrong judgment upon her past conduct. The chapter has the satisfaction of seeing its trust is not misplaced. Is this Gamma Phi Beta's loss?

Gamma Phi Beta must face these things—what chapter has not? Has every chapter acted according to our national ideal?

Rushing, the Root of All Evil

AN old man advised his young friend, about to marry, to arrange a honeymoon full of excitement and travel, to avoid quiet as he would avoid poison. "Bustle her, lad; bustle her! Don't give her time to think, or she may find out what kind of a man you are."

That is our rushing system—to bustle the girl we want lest she have time to think and find out what kind of girls we are.

"We" means not Gamma Phis alone, but all college girls who wear Sorority pins. We are all alike. We entice a girl to Sorority life by showing her something that it is not. Not that what we show her is better—Heaven forbid! But we do not show her the real thing. And in that very misrepresentation we ourselves lose sight of what the real thing is.

What is it really? In each college there are, perhaps, a hundred girls who band themselves together under the name of Greeks. Their aim is to acknowledge culture and beauty and greatness wherever they find it, to aspire to it themselves, to love simplicity, to scorn meanness, to make as a body of girls the same effort toward high living that every earnest girl makes in her own life.

In order that there may be intimacy and a sense of kinship, the girls live together in bands of a wieldy size, choose different badges, different mottos and keep their exercises secret, but they are all Greeks. How utterly silly for the bands of girls to go to war with each other for any cause! But how worse than silly that cause for war should be found in the eagerness of each band to claim a certain new college girl as one of their number. If she is made of the right stuff and becomes a Greek, that is cause for rejoicing throughout the race, not for tears and envyings within the bands that do not get her.

No! The chapters would not soon die out that were willing to stand back and see each other get the best girls. They would have time and thought and energy to devote to accomplishing something worth while—self development, if nothing more—so that new girls would be prouder to be invited to join them. The chapters would ultimately shape themselves—society girls together, athletic girls together, students together—according to the life of the college. There would be less internal friction than there is now, when every chapter is wanting the same girl, irrespective of type, and when there come to be nearly as many sorts of girls in the chapter as there are names in the roll call. No wonder that there is lack of unity within and that the work of one year undoes the work of the year before.

But what might not a group of girls accomplish, what dear, hearty good times together might they not have, if they worked and grew naturally together, chose their little sisters tenderly and rejoiced in the good done by anyone, whether themselves or their neighbors.

The opposite of the right state exists. There is envy, malice and all uncharitableness. I have actually heard a group of girls boasting that they ranked first socially at their college. If the way to uphold the Greek ideal is to rank first socially, the institution of Sororities would better be blotted from the face of the earth.

The system of rushing is to blame for this. At the beginning of the year every nerve is strained for the success of social functions that shall decide a chapter's value in the eyes of the new girls at college. With that standard set afresh at the beginning of each year and the hurry and excitement of college life to drive everyone along the easiest way, what chance is there for reform?

It is a curious fact that the active college girls are content to go on in the old way. It is the alumnae who constantly demand change and reform. In our Minnesota Pan-Hellenic Association every alumna representative was in favor of reforming the rushing system and every active delegate was willing to let the system go on in the old way. That may mean that the girls who are in college find sorority life pleasant enough as it is and get out of it all they want. Or it may mean that it is only after we leave college that we can see things fairly, can judge the relative value of the elements of college life and can realize what a simple and easy thing it would be to move things in the right direction, if only we can budge them from their present stolidity.

Surely we can. There is scarcely a girl in any Sorority in any college who would not rejoice if the ideal Sorority life were realized. The distance of the ideal from us now is small excuse for our taking no steps toward it. It must be done. Urging rushing reform is not futile. We are not baying the moon. Or, if we are, there will be this result: If we howl long enough and persistently enough and are consistent in our refusals to compromise, something will be done finally, if only to stop the noise.

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ALPHA

ALPHA is ready and eager for another year's work and with good reason, for never before has she had brighter prospects than at the present time.

While many of you were enjoying a summer's rest, and recreation, a faithful few were busily engaged with the interests of Gamma Phi at Syracuse. The result of their efforts is that at the beginning of the college year we find ourselves comfortably settled in a new home. It is not a brand new house, but an old one remodeled to suit our every desire. We are very proud of the fact that now we have the best girls' chapter house on "the hill."

If you will stop a minute we shall be glad to show you through. This, you see, is a large reception hall. You probably are wondering where so many doors lead to. The double doors behind you open into our parlor which is decorated in hunter's green; those at your right open into our library which is decorated in brown and is connected with the parlor by double doors. Directly in front of you is our especial pride—the dining room, looking so cosy with its red paper. This room is so large that it admits a table long enough to seat us all comfortably at one time. As this was something unheard of in the past it means a great deal to us now. If there was time we would show you the rooms on the second and third floors of which the girls have made charming studies, but we must hasten.

Perhaps you noticed that our rooms are beautifully arranged for entertaining. We realized this Monday evening, September 26, when we entertained about thirty-four Freshmen. The "stunt" we prepared for them was so successful that I shall tell you about it. To each one was given a slip of paper on which was written the name of one of the guests, and she was requested to write a verse containing that name.

After they were written and collected, one of our alumnæ read them aloud. Besides being very amusing, we found that this was an excellent way of discovering the clever girls. All seemed to enjoy the fun, and each one kept the verse about her own name as a souvenir.

They were then ushered into the dining room. The table, placed at one side, was prettily decorated with candelabra. Here our chaperon, Mrs. Kester, presided, and our Sophomores, still doing Freshman duty, served us. The evening ended with a Gamma Phi "sing," and everyone voted our first rushing party a success.

We shall try the plan of waiting until the second semester to pledge again this year, since we have found it advantageous in the past.

Alpha hopes that you are all as happy as she is, and trusts that Gamma Phi throughout the country will have a successful year.



BETA

BETA sends most cordial greetings to all her sisters in Gamma Phi Beta. Since our last letter to THE CRESCENT, we have all had a vacation rest, and come back with new courage to face the situation here in Ann Arbor. We miss our Seniors more than we can say. Only Clara Davis of the six was able to get back to Ann Arbor this fall, even for a few days.

But before we write of present conditions, let us tell you of our farewell to the Seniors in June. First, Grace Breakey gave a supper party at the Country Club for the alumnæ who were back to meet the Freshmen and welcome the Seniors to alumnæ ranks. We had such a good time listening to the stories of old girls and singing Gamma Phi songs. Then instead of spring banquet the first of June, we celebrated the close of examinations with it, and every underclassman but one staid over until Commencement. Besides the alumnæ here in Ann Arbor, Maud Hicks Hydell, Rose and Grace Anderson, Gertrude Birdsall Arnold, Jess Horton, Patty Banker, Constance Weber Waite, Carrie Hosie, Florence Brownell, and Margaret McGregory were with us. Marion Dickinson made a most charming toastmistress.

The rushing season under existing circumstances has been a rather harder one than usual for Beta, but we are more than proud of our three fine pledges, Helen Hicks, Alpena; Marion Moulton, a Holyoke graduate, and Madge Miller, first pledged Gamma Phi by Gamma. Caroline Johnston, a former pledgling, from Alpena, has been here all rushing season visiting and will enter college second semester. Besse Bigelow, Owosso, and Benita Allen, Chicago, both pledged last year, will also enter second semester.

Beta is very fortunate and happy this year in having Jane Sherzer, a Beta, with us as chaperone, and this year as always in having such helpful alumnæ here in Ann Arbor. Mabel Leonard Douglass entertained the active chapter and pledglings at a charming supper party only a few nights ago.

GAMMA

GAMMA extends her heartiest greetings to all Gamma Phis, both old and new.

It was with much anticipation that we looked forward to the opening of college and rushing. We have pledged ten girls, whom Gamma Phi may be well proud of, and happy to own as sisters. They are as follows: Elizabeth Whitney, Dubuque, Iowa; Ruth Allen, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Philena Yutzy, Sioux City, Iowa; Mary Nethercut, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Maizie Wilson, Cherokee, Iowa; Marjorie Durkee, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Mildred Evenson, Sparta, Wisconsin; Elsie Minn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mary Reed, Ida Grove, Iowa; Leonore Horan, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. After pledging such fine girls, Gamma feels that her rushing "stunts" have indeed been a success.

Our annual, never to be forgotten rushing breakfast was given by Mrs. Brittingham on the Thursday of rushing week. It was as usual a grand affair, and the greatest event of the season.

The Wisconsin-Michigan game will be held here on October 29. We are joyfully anticipating a visit from the Beta girls, and will be very disappointed if we do not see them.

It is somewhat early for collegiate honors to be distributed, but so far we have Eureka Kimball representing us on the Badger board, and Marjorie Durkee, one of our Freshmen, has been elected to the glee club.

Katherine Swint, '06, is the authoress of one of the most popular stories in the first edition of the *Lit*, Wisconsin's short-story magazine.

Probably the chief reason for our great success in rushing is due to the fact that our Gamma Phi spirit and enthusiasm was all renewed by the return of about sixty of Gamma's alumnæ at the time of the Wisconsin jubilee last June. Our nineteenth banquet was certainly a great success with Carrie Morgan, the first initiate of Gamma Chapter, as toastmistress.

We have heard splendid reports of Kappa's and Epsilon's success at rushing, and hope to hear soon through *THE CRESCENT* from our other sisters.

Florence Stott, '05, will be our delegate at convention, and we will anxiously await her return for reports of all Gamma Phis.

Here's good luck to you all.

ZETA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Zeta hopes that all her sisters have had as glorious a holiday as she has had and have come back to their Alma Mater and to their fraternity stronger and more eager for success than ever before.

Rushing season began with us this year the first of October, a week being left free so that the girls might make a fair start in their college work and in fixing their rooms and cosy corners. We are glad that instead of the long six months' season of last year, we have again the six weeks' season. Six of the strongest Sophs in that class are trying their hand for the first time at rushing and have already discovered and become acquainted with a good many desirable Freshmen. One ex-nineteen-four girl, Neil Webb, is visiting here and we expect two of our last years' Seniors to come this week and be with us some time.

Saturday night we had our first Sorority meeting, planned several affairs, made dates and appointed a committee for our first function, as we are allowed two this year.

Zeta has felt greatly honored in having one of her Seniors, Nell Watts, chosen as Senior President; another, Bell Baker, as President of the Southern Club; one of her Sophs as Vice-President of her class, and the sister of another Soph as Chairman of the Freshman class. Two of the girls have brought charming sisters back with them. The prospects are all bright for a successful rushing season and we confidently expect that in our next letter we can give you a list of new sisters of whom Gamma Phi may be proud.



ETA

TO the Gamma Phi Beta girls everywhere the members of Eta Chapter send their heartiest greetings from the shores of the Pacific.

Here in California we have just finished our rushing season, and now we are ready to enter with zeal into our active college work. Our initiation took place on October 1, and we added five names to our chapter roll. Four of the new girls are Freshmen—Marguerite Daniels, Sydney Gray, Esto Dunbar and Ione Garnett. Hazel Pierce, the fifth, finished her Freshman year at Wellesley and enters with our Sophomore class. We are very proud of the new Gamma Phi Betas, and we expect great things from them.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be in Berkeley in July received a visit from Olive Dutcher, of Iota Chapter. Her visit made us more anxious than ever to know our eastern sisters.

The entertaining that we have done thus far has been rather informal and mainly for rushing purposes. The one exception was a farewell party given at the chapter house on September 30 to Tallulah Le Conte, who left for Seattle, Washington.

We expect to send at least two delegates to the convention. May the convention be most prosperous on this, our thirtieth anniversary. We know that the assembly will be the most loyal and the merriest, since we are all bound together in Gamma Phi.



THETA

NOW that we are basking in perfect Colorado sunshine, under the bluest of skies, with every leaf on the trees its original verdant shade, we Denver girls are reminded of a pretty story which the Germans love to tell of their beloved Baden-Baden. They say that the angels when carrying the Garden of Eden to heaven, dropped a part of it, which earthly fragment became Baden-Baden. With characteristic Colorado egotism we are inclined to add a little to this tale and declare that two fragments were lost, and that this other portion sinking quietly to rest near the Rocky Mountains, is now marked and distinguished by the Gamma Phi Beta Lodge.

A sweeping statement you say, and you ask if we do not miss the glorious tints of the eastern foliage? Well, yes. But even our eastern sisters amid all the wealth of their gorgeous autumnal colors could not deny that our dear little lodge, with its grass plot, spacious tennis courts, and high green hedge, is a fascinating spot whence unwary Freshmen are craftily lured—and kept.

Somehow this year rushing was exhilarating; perhaps it was the Colorado oxygen which makes one feel that mere animal existence is a blessing; perhaps it was a little something within which told us that fate was even then inclined to smile upon us. Anyhow, to express it all in Cæsar's laconic words: *Veni, vidi, vici*. Never had we beheld a bonnier lot of new girls, and from this number we set our hearts—and incidentally our hands—upon the nine that most charmed us. Won't you rejoice with us when we say that we got them all, and have sent them forth decked in the double brown, "for all the world to see." Lucy Moore, Mamie Galleys, Effie Behm, Ora Bowman, Margaret Carmen and Mildred Hanson are our Freshmen, and we are proud of them. Caroline Wolfe, who spent last year at Wellesley, is the gift of the Sophomore class, while from the post-graduate school we have Ella Fillins, who was last year at Bryn Mawr, and Ada Seifried, a Stanford graduate.

Some day, soon we hope, we are to have a grand initiation, followed by a banquet such as never was, and anchor them all in the safe harbor of Gamma Phi.

Rushing parties were not many—a luncheon at the Lodge, a tennis party, a five o'clock tea in the city and a garden party at our small headquarters were the social functions, and all were successful—so we heard. To be sure, the night of the garden party the weather was capricious, in that the oft-quoted Colorado air was a trifle too bracing and the punch served under the trees not stimulating. Then by the time the harpist and the palms were arranged upon the porch, one was forced to carefully make his way; while within—but as Kipling says, "That is another story."

With the joy and triumph of rushing has come the happiness of reunion and the strengthening of old ties. We have had many things to tell of our various summer outings, and some of our girls have news of other Gamma Phis. Lindsey Barbee of our alumnae has given us glowing accounts of the Beta Chapter, while Grace Twombly on her eastern trip met many wearers of the crescent, and Esther Doll visited with our Baltimore sisters.

And, just as in the midst of a joyous melody there comes the plaintive minor strain, our hearts have been saddened by the death of Florence Freuler, '01, whose beautiful character and loyal service to our chapter can never be forgotten.

So for this time we bid you farewell, desiring for each sister chapter all success and prosperity during the college year.

With our college free from debt, and having a brighter horizon each year, with our new members to strengthen our circle, with our own love and loyalty to our order renewed and invigorated, we greet you, sister chapters, and toast you from our heart of hearts with a fervent "Here's to all who wear the crescent. May you all live long and prosper!"



IOTA

IOTA was urged to send personals. She has. The result is obvious—she has nothing left to say here but "I hope you've all had a pleasant summer," and that remark has been worn threadbare during the last few weeks. Nevertheless, we do hope that the playtime proved a jolly one for everybody.

As the above-mentioned personals prove, we have been pretty well scattered this summer and have wasted our time in the most delightful ways imaginable. It's great fun to play, but it wouldn't have been half so fine if we hadn't had work to look forward to at the end of it.

College has but just opened and there is really nothing definite planned yet that we can tell you about. Everybody is glad to get back and to pitch into the routine again. We are all looking forward to November, when we shall see some of our sisters at least.

We send our love to all and best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.



KAPPA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi Beta: Another summer has passed, and as we gather again in our college halls and clasp hands in our first meetings, our thoughts go out to sisters in far-away chapters, and from the bottom of our hearts we send you greeting.

We have been visited by some of the Gamma and Lambda girls during the all too short vacation, and have wished for more of you. We feel that, like the little busy bee of nursery fame, we have "improved each shining hour." As the fruits of our labors, and those of our devoted alumnæ, we show the coziest little flat on the campus, charmingly furnished throughout, and a more than successful rushing season this fall. During these two weeks the round of teas, dinners, dances and drives was enjoyed no less by our own girls than by the fortunate "rushlings." Two house parties, one at Mrs. Backus' charming home in Minneapolis, and one at Miss Andrews' in St. Paul, gave us opportunities of becoming better acquainted with the Freshmen, and initiation, on Monday, September 26, at Marion Jones' has given us ten Freshmen, the very sweetest and strongest girls our North Star State can offer. We glow with pride as we present them to you: Grace D. Freeman, Cordelia Paine, Ellen A. Paine, Grace Rachel Beard, Lora Gooding, Ellen R. Brooks, and Hazel Lovell, all of Minneapolis; Lyla Gertrude Root and Grace Moreland of St. Paul, and Georgia E. Campbell of Princeton, Minn.

Minnesota's social whirl has not yet begun, though by the time you read this, we will probably be in full swing, with band informals, frat parties and class receptions. We gave our Freshman party Friday the 6th of October at Helen Hendrix's hospitable home, and hostesses and guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On Friday, the 29th of September, a large reception was given by the Faculty of the University to celebrate the entering by our beloved President, Cyrus Northrup, on the third decade of his administration. Also, as Dean Downey said, it was to show that we were not unduly cast down by the catastrophe that has befallen us—the destruction by fire of the "Old Main" Building, that landmark of the University and nucleus round which our college has grown.

Already, dear sisters, we are looking forward to a year from this fall when we hope to see many of you here at convention. Be sure to begin now to save your pennies, and come to us, each chapter in a body, being sure that Kappa's welcome will embrace you all. With best wishes for the year that shall pass before them.



LAMBDA

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Lambda is trying to get used to the changes occasioned by the departure of last year's Seniors and the absence of five old standbys who have been compelled to postpone their studies for the present. We started out this fall with thirteen active girls eager and ready for the fray. Tonight we initiate two Freshmen who were pledged two years ago and one charter member of our former Alpha Chapter.

We are now settled in a comfortable house conveniently located and well arranged for our smaller entertainments.

The Pan-Hellenic rules for rushing have permitted us to go slowly that we may concentrate our efforts toward the last. On the evening of September 27 we had several of the old girls and a number of Freshmen at a spread. Four or five of the Freshmen are very desirable. We have arranged for several informal affairs, a social before the football game between Washington and Whitman, and a dancing party the Friday before pledge day.

Lambda has more to work against this year than she had last but has reason to be hopeful.

We were delighted to have a visit with Mrs. Waldron from Eta Chapter, who told us about the Gamma Phis at Berkeley.

To every Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, Lambda sends her best wishes for success in the fields of '04 and '05.



BOSTON

IT is with some little relief, shared I am sure by our patient editor-in-chief, that Boston Chapter, with her warmest greetings, is able to send, in time for publication, a report of the opening meeting of the season, which in point of attendance and enthusiasm is a happy augury for the year. Our reunion at the accustomed morning hour brought together from summer travels nineteen Gamma Phis, scattered since June.

When the first welcomings were over, serious Sorority business, appropriate for sober autumn days, held all attention for many minutes. Then followed various informal and disordered tête-à-tête scraps of dis-

cussion, tempered gradually by a little fun and frolic, incident to the preparation of luncheon. There had been so many happenings interesting to ourselves while we had been separated! A very recent engagement, two new Gamma Phi babies and three marriages were ready to set us gossiping. One of our brides, an August one, peeped in upon us, only to be deluged with advice by two very slightly experienced housewives as to the intricacies of the domestic art.

In one corner of the room interest was absorbed by predictions as to the success of the Pan-Hellenic Association's rigorous laws under which Delta's "rushing" is now laboring; while in another nook a group of chatters were deep in the coming joys of convention, so approachable from our point of residence this year and to which we are sending three official delegates with the possibility of one or two other representatives as yet undecided.

Our plans for the thirtieth anniversary celebration are scarcely more than outlined, but the general opinion, still to be submitted to Delta, is in approval of arranging special exercises at the time of Delta's initiation and banquet which occurs in November. At that time we would be sure of a large number of alumnæ as well as all other active chapters to review the proud record of Gamma Phi Beta, to rejoice in her continual prosperity and to pledge anew our loyalty forever.

With loving remembrances to all her sisters, Boston Chapter subscribes her name.

CHICAGO

DEAR Sisters in Gamma Phi: Our feasts this summer have been very decidedly movable feasts, both as to time and place. In June we met with Jessie Horton at Tracy, a pretty suburb about thirteen miles south of the center of the city. Judge Horton's house stands on what we Chicagoans call respectfully a "hill," though our eastern sisters would most probably term it a "gentle rise of ground." So we spent the afternoon on the front porch, gazing across a stretch of country fully a block in extent, without encountering a house to mar our outlook. On either side of us were lovely country homes with ample lawns, and we luxuriated in Gamma Phi talk and rural surroundings at the same time.

Our August meeting was far away, in distant Evanston, about the same number of miles north of the city. This time Mrs. Parker was our hostess, and though the meeting was small, we had two guests of honor, Miss Mary Wellington of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Honta Smalley Bredin. Honta's many friends will be glad to know that she is very well, and that little Miss Bredin is behaving as a good Gamma Phi baby should.

For our September meeting we had an invitation from Mrs. Edith Patterson King of Epsilon. She lives in Waukeegan, about forty miles north of Chicago, but we trusted to the amiability of the weather in September and decided to go. Our only difficulty in getting there was with the Waukeegan street cars. They have an erratic and wholly original way of venturing part way down the main street of the city and then, apparently scared by the uproar, retreating rapidly in the direction from which they have come. We were quite confounded by such tactics, and wasted considerable time in catching the coy thing, much to Mrs. King's amusement.

She insists that she must be counted as a bride for she has been keeping house for herself less than a year. The amount of sunshine and air that can be induced to enter a house are simply amazing to us Chicagoans, and constitute one of the chief charms of those suburban homes. Another delightful thing was Mrs. King's small son, who came in to meet us toward luncheon, and then took advantage of his mother's absorption to run away. His mother soon discovered he was gone, and started in pursuit, but did not find him till he had reached a friend's house a couple of blocks away. Our meeting that day was for the election of officers, but I think it best to draw a veil over those proceedings for fear an account of them might shock the active girls. We got our officers at any rate.

We all send love and best wishes for the rushing season, and congratulations in advance for the fine Freshmen we feel instinctively are entering our circle.

MILWAUKEE

VACATION is over and we meet again. Those of us who are through with school, be it ever so long, never lose the feeling that work is in front of us when September arrives.

Milwaukee Alumnæ Chapter held her first meeting earlier than usual, but none too early to bring out a large attendance. Miss Mary Lafin opened her house to us and after election of officers, we spent the afternoon in relating summer experiences and in discussing winter plans for Gamma Phi. We were very glad to welcome as a new member Anne S. McLenegan, Gamma, '97, who has accepted a position in one of our high schools, and so will make Milwaukee her home in the future.

As we are most of us Gamma girls, that chapter is of course most dear to us and her success is ours. So many were the plans and suggestions by which we here in Milwaukee might help her in her rushing this fall, we hope this year to come in closer touch if possible with the active girls and keep up amongst us that loyalty to Gamma Phi which is the basis of our success as a Sorority.

NEW YORK

DEAR Sisters, Alumnæ and Active: The New York alumnæ are about to gather for their autumn reunion when we shall doubtless find there is much of interest in our comings and goings of the past summer to tell you. However, until these experiences are gathered in, there is something of a dearth and we fear to draw too much on our imaginations lest our English, having already been called in question

in a late issue, we also may be called to account for errors in veracity. Therefore, without laying claim to infallibility we beg to be allowed to introduce these items submitted with the saving phrase, "to the best of our knowledge."

We expect to hear glowing accounts from Florence Heermans of her travels in England and shall be convinced of her wisdom in confining her journey to the one section, rather than spreading herself in slipshod tourist fashion over all Europe. Her plans were favored from the start by congenial companions and a thorough preparation.

Lu Smith Dawson is again in the city, but is so busy, after the season in the remote woods, in again adapting herself to the dress and modes of civilization that visiting sisters may only leave a card at the door.

Abbie Benson Slawson is back from a summer in the country and is kind enough to open her home for our first meeting, though over the 'phone her voice sounds a little dubious as she mentions settling with the assistance of her new baby.

Blanche Shore Palmer is busy explaining why she didn't go with Dr. Palmer on his late trip to Carlsbad, and the doctor is very positive it shall not occur again.

During the summer Mrs. Palmer has kept her house open, going away on several short trips. The first was occasioned by the sad death of Ella French, when the first intelligence at once took her to Syracuse. Miss French and Mrs. Palmer had for long cemented a firm friendship for one another with a common loyalty for Gamma Phi, so that on her the blow fell heaviest, but we all felt deeply the loss and are drawn the closer to Alpha by our sympathy.

Mella Tacherbury Marvin has paid a short visit to New York, but has returned to her camp in the Adirondacks and tells us nothing short of a convention could call her away so early in November as we insist upon seeing her.

Clara Reed Morgan is in her new home on Chester avenue in Newark, N. J., and is occupied in adjusting her household after two months with her family in Syracuse and Camillus.

Grace Howard Smith has recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, which kept her in the hospital for several weeks, and will probably be with us on Saturday next.

In closing we take the privilege of all letter writers, who are soon to meet their correspondents, to say that the much we have left unsaid can be better told when we see you, as we hope to do the second week in November in convention assembled.

SYRACUSE

THE Syracuse Alumnae Chapter sends greetings to all her sister chapters. We have had one meeting this fall, Grace Webb Edgcomb entertaining us in her cosy little home on University Hill.

We were happy to have with us at that meeting our Sorority President, Mrs. Minnie Curtiss Dinsmore of New York, formerly of Syracuse.

Our active chapter invites us to a thimble party at the new chapter house, and we are looking forward with pleasure to that afternoon. We are also planning to join with the active girls in entertaining the Alpha Phis at some time during their convention here this fall. So the year opens for us with promises of renewed pleasures and activities.

Births

Mrs. May Fuller Fearn, Alpha, has a baby.

Laura Page Flick, Alpha, has a son, Alexander Clarence Flick, Jr.

Helen Fairchild McKelvey, Iota, has a son, Ralph Fairchild, born July 5.

Grace De Kay Pratt, Alpha, announces the arrival of a daughter, Dorothy Conklin.

Mrs. Elsie Cora Davis Smith, Delta, '01, is rejoicing over the birth of a son, Lyman Bradford, born September 11, '04.

The announcement was omitted in the last issue of the birth on April 25 of a son, Mark, to Viola Russell Robinson, Delta.

A daughter Constance was born to Hope Woodberry Gibson, Gamma, '01, in July. Mrs. Gibson has removed from New York to Chicago.



Engagements

True Aiken, Eta, '04, announced her engagement in May to Mr. C. Frank Stern, Delta Upsilon.

The engagement of Grace Twombly, Theta, '05, to Will Miller, Delta Upsilon, has been announced.

The engagement of Ethelyn Phipps, Zeta, '99, to Mr. Sydney Bertrand Austin, Delta Upsilon, is announced.

Gamma has the pleasure of announcing the engagement of Nelle Etter, '04, to Mr. Asa Royce, Delta Tau Delta, '04.

Chellie Stevens, Theta, '02, has announced her engagement to Frederick Richter Bright, Kappa Sigma. They are to be married October 19.

The engagement is announced of Laura Van Cise, Iota, '03, to Mr. Karl Lorenz, Columbia, '01, of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Lorenz belongs to Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

The engagement is announced of Grace L. Durgin, Delta, '02, to Mr. Frederic H. Hilton, graduate of the Boston University Law School, and member of the law firm of Merriam, Hooper & Hilton.

Marriages

Merriam Ernhart, Alpha, was married during the summer to James Barnes.

On June 29 Inez Shippee, Eta, '02, was married to Mr. Frances Herbert Dam. They are now residing in San Francisco.

Ruth Eloise Phillippi, Epsilon, was married June 21, 1904, to Dr. Frederick George Sparling of Omaha, Nebraska.

Elizabeth Moulton McNaney, Gamma, '97, was married July 12 to Frederick Burns Peterson, Psi Upsilon. They are at home at 344 Walker street, Milwaukee.

Emily Wells, Alpha, was married during the summer to Mr. Fred Simonds of Chicago. Both Mabel Van Winkle Hoyt and Florence Bailey Crouse entertained in her honor before she left our city.

Early in September was received the announcement of the marriage of Emily L. Ladd, Delta, '03, to the Reverend George Manley Butler on the 6th of that month. They will make their home in Medford, Mass.

On Tuesday, September 2, Edith Cornelia Todd, Kappa, '01, was married to Mr. Harold I. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones went at once to Hill City, South Dakota, where Mr. Jones has extensive mining interests.

Elizabeth Marguerite English, Delta, '01, was married September 1 to Mr. Joseph Ryan, organist of St. Mary's Church, Brookshire. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan will be at home November 16 and November 30 at 216 Pearl street, Newton.

The marriage of Miriam Holmes Parker, Delta, '99, to Mr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, Professor of Latin in the College of Arts, took place on August 4, at West Barnstable, Dr. Huntington, newly-elected President of Boston University, performing the ceremony. The bridesmaids and maid of honor were Gamma Phi classmates of the bride and carried carnations. Professor and Mrs. Rice will live at 230 Upland Road, North Cambridge.

Miss Alma Frances Groves, Zeta, ex-'98, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Groves, and the Rev. Charles Howard Cookman, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. Church of Middletown, New York, were married June 14 in Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, by the Rev. William Wirt King. The bride, who was escorted to the chancel in the church and given away by her father, wore a white satin gown veiled in chiffon with an elaborate lace robe. She had a tulle veil caught with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and

maiden hair fern. She was preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Charlotte Mears Yocum, Zeta, '96, of Lewiston, Pa., who wore white silk mull trimmed with repouse lace over pink. After the wedding, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Cookman left for a wedding trip. They will make their home in Middletown, N. Y., where Mr. Cookman's church is located.—*Wilmington News*.

Personal

Anna Rae, Iota, spent the summer abroad.

Mary Colt, Iota, will be with Iota again this winter.

Hazel Plate, Iota, spent the summer at Elmira, New York.

Grace Foulds, Eta, '04, is studying music in San Francisco.

Ruth Wallace, Theta, '04, is teaching in Caspar, Wyoming.

Emma Cole, Iota, spent her vacation at Geneseo, New York.

Sarah S. Hardy, Beta, '04, is teaching in Houghton, Michigan.

Nettie Saddler, Alpha, is teaching in the Syracuse High School.

Ethel Knox, Iota, passed her vacation at Clarksville, New York.

Florence Heermans, Iota, spent the summer traveling in Europe.

Mary Uzzell, Theta, is teaching at Creede, Colorado, this winter.

Clara Morgan, Alpha, is teaching German in the Ithaca High School.

Edna Stitt, Iota, lived at Sound Beach, Connecticut, during the summer.

Marin Waterhouse, Eta, '05, is spending the winter in New York City.

Vina Peters, Iota, is teaching in the Newton High School again this year.

Jeannette Seibert, Iota, spent the summer at Orchard Lake, New York.

Mrs. C. C. Dibble, Milwaukee, spent the summer at her home in Michigan.

Marion L. Hubbard, Beta, '04, is teaching in Newberry, Northern Michigan.

Louise Kimball, Iota, spent the summer at Orr's Island, Maine, and at Pittsburg.

Mary Ives, Kappa, '05, is teaching in the public schools of Chatfield, Minnesota.

Isabelle White, Beta, '94, now teaching in Denver, spent the summer in the East.

Emma Enright, Iota, will spend the winter at her home in Freehold, New Jersey.

Margery Rosing, Beta, is teaching in the Ironwood (Michigan) High School.

Susan F. U. Brown, Delta, is teaching this year in the Winchester High School.

Margaret Henderson, Eta, '04, is instructing in physics and botany at Mills College.

Edith Reese, Theta, '04, will spend the winter at her home in Corning, New York.

Mrs. Kathryn Matherson Moss, Milwaukee, is attending the World's Fair, St. Louis.

Vida Redington, Eta, '95, is traveling in Europe with her sister Lena, a graduate of '97.

Bernice Dow, Gamma, has entered the Anne Martin School of Expression in Chicago.

Emma Storer, Theta, '99, occupies the chair of English in Iowa Wesleyan this year.

Tallulah Le Conte, Eta, '04, is instructing in physical culture at Bel-
lingham, Washington.

Helen Gowing, Alpha, is teaching German and English in the Chittinango High School.

Mabel Boomer Hodder, Alpha, in company with her mother, is spending the year in Berlin.

Louise Klock, Alpha, spent the summer with her sister Grace Klock Schoeffler in old Mexico.

Mrs. Mary Pratt Bright, Milwaukee, has purchased a handsome new home on Stowell avenue.

Alice Maud Hyser, Kappa, '03, is teaching Latin in the High School at Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Sadie Holt, Iota, returned from abroad in July. She has spent the last year in study and travel.

Lulu Carpenter, Iota, spent the summer at Lake George. She will live in Whittier Hall this winter.

Mac McChesney, Alpha, has an appointment on the Fine Arts Faculty as instructor in piano music.

Jessie Kunkely, Theta, '02, has resigned her position in Pueblo, and will be in Denver this winter.

Mrs. Charles Allen, Gamma, '98, and her husband, Professor Allen, are spending the winter in Germany.

Harriette Rodgers, Theta, '03, is Assistant Principal of a high school at Youngstown, Pennsylvania, this year.

One of Gamma's girls was married October 6, Edith Mitchell, '04, to Mr. Henry G. Hembright, of Racine, Wis.

Theodate Noweel, Kappa, '01, has returned from an extensive tour of Europe and is at home in Rochester, Minnesota.

Marion I. Jones and Eleanore Sheldon, Kappa, '03, are taking post-graduate work in college for the Master's Degree.

Mabel Johnson McCreery, Epsilon, is recovering from a serious illness, and is at Boulder, Colorado, for the winter.

Alice Coates Mot, Alpha, is to become a resident of Syracuse, her husband, an electrician, having accepted a position here.

Mary Laflin spent the summer at Wausau with Mrs. Minnie Knox Kreutzer, one of the founders of Gamma Chapter.

Mrs. Edward Schmidt, Kappa, *nee* Violet Jeane, Dean of the Woman's Department of Chicago, is now residing in St. Paul.

Eleanore Pabody, Kappa, '99, is spending the winter in California, and hopes to visit Berkely and Leland Stanford before her return.

May Pendleton, Gamma, '95, and her sister Genevieve, Gamma, '99, of Sioux City, Iowa, spent several weeks in Milwaukee this summer.

Mrs. Etta Smith Laflin, Milwaukee, attended the Triennial in San Francisco, and while there visited the Gamma Phi house at Berkeley.

Olive Dutcher, Iota, spent the summer in traveling through the West. She is teaching Biblical literature at Mt. Holyoke College this winter.

Pearl Curtis, Eta, '04, last year's editor for THE CRESCENT from Eta, has made a number of visits to the chapter. She is teaching in Napa county.

Florence H. Brownell, Beta, '03, is teaching in Kalamazoo, Michigan, this year, as is also Margaret McGregory, Beta, '03, and Lucy Babcock, '03, Alpha.

Jennie O. Lewis, Alpha, is spending the year in Johannesburg, South Africa. She is the guest of her brother and expects to devote some of her time to tutoring.

Una Winterburn, Iota, spent the summer at her country home at Edgewater, New Jersey. Her address this winter will be 105 Riverside Drive, New York City.

Kappa has transferred to Delta Cordelia and Ellen Paine. They will pursue their studies at Boston until the end of the year, when they will go abroad for the same purpose.

Olive MacDowell, Iota, spent the early part of the summer at Delaware, Ohio, and August and September at Harbor Springs, Michigan. She will make her home at Evanston, Illinois.

Twelve members of Gamma assembled in Lake Geneva this summer to attend a house party given by Josephine Allen, '06, at the time of the marriage of Bonnie Burton to Mr. Edward Dennison.

Bertha White, Epsilon of Omaha, one of our most interested readers, spent the month of September on the Pacific Coast. While there she met Mrs. Herbert Laffin, Gamma, and Miss Furrey, Eta.

Mrs. Myra Haven Draper, Alpha, who for some years has been with her husband in missionary work in Japan, has returned to Syracuse where she expects to be located for some time for the education of her children.

Sarah E. Veeder, Alpha, of Lyons, N. Y., who has been studying art in Paris during the past year, has returned home. While abroad she made several fine copies of paintings to fill orders given her. She has resigned her position at the head of the Art Department in Ohio Wesleyan, and will spend the year at home.



Report of the Third Inter-Sorority Conference

The Third Inter-Sorority Conference was called by Delta Gamma at Chicago, September 16 and 17, 1904. The opening session was held at the Columbus Safety Deposit Vaults on the afternoon of September 16, followed by an all-day session in the parlors of the Victoria Hotel. Nine Sororities were represented as follows:

Kappa Alpha Theta.....	Mrs. Laura H. Norton
Delta Gamma.....	Miss Grace Telling
Kappa Kappa Gamma.....	Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield
Gamma Phi Beta.....	Miss Lillian W. Thompson
Chi Omega.....	Miss Bessie Krape
Alpha Phi.....	Miss Minnie Ruth Terry
Pi Beta Phi.....	Miss Elizabeth Gamble
Alpha Xi Delta.....	Mrs. T. C. Kimble
Delta Delta Delta.....	Miss Amy H. Olgen

The question of rotation in the calling of conferences and the holding of office was first discussed. By consent, it was agreed that the Conference, as a body, decide upon the following order of rotation:

1. Pi Beta Phi.
2. Kappa Alpha Theta.
3. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
4. Delta Gamma.
5. Alpha Phi.
6. Gamma Phi Beta.
7. Alpha Chi Omega.
8. Delta Delta Delta.
9. Alpha Xi Delta.
10. Chi Omega.

It was further agreed that dating from the present Conference the delegate from that Sorority calling the Conference should act as Chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order should act as Secretary with a view toward her occupying the chair at the next Conference. Therefore, Miss Telling of Delta Gamma was made Chairman. Inasmuch as the first and second Conferences were called by Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta respectively, and as Alpha Chi Omega was not represented at this Conference, Miss Olgen of Delta Delta Delta was made Secretary. Acting upon a letter from Sigma Kappa, it was moved that Sigma Kappa be admitted to the Conference whenever she as a Sorority accepts all the rules already passed by the Conference. This motion was carried unanimously.

The Inter-Sorority Compact was first discussed. Of the four motions submitted to the Sororities by the Conference of 1903, motions 1 and 2 failed to pass, one by a small negative, the other by a tie vote. It was, therefore, unanimously voted to submit these motions again to the chapters of the Sororities through their Grand Councils. These motions are as follows:

1. Moved that a pledge day be adopted by the National Sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.
2. Moved that the pledge day in each college be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there.

The second session of the conference was given over to the consideration of the conflicts and difficulties arising over the Inter-Sorority Compact. It was found that the Pan-Hellenic Associations already formed were, for the most part, making marked progress beyond the regulations demanded by the Inter-Sorority Compact, in the making and enforcing of rules regulating rushing, pledging, etc., etc. Objections to Rules 1 and 2, now in force, were entertained from chapters at three institutions. Of these, only one was considered of serious importance. After thorough discussion, three courses of action seemed open to the Conference: to enforce the rules strictly, to grant an exception, or to

abandon the compact. A motion was finally made that inasmuch as the last Conference had accomplished by inter-sorority action what no one Sorority was willing or able to attempt alone, and inasmuch as inter-sorority regulations affect us all alike, the Third Conference refuse to make any exceptions, whatever local conditions may exist in any particular college, to its previous ruling regarding the pledging of preparatory students. This motion was lost, 5 to 4. It was then moved that the University of Wisconsin chapters of all the Sororities represented in the Conference be permitted for two years to pledge senior students in high schools at their inter-scholastic meet, June 4. This motion was carried, 6 to 3. The Conference wishes to state, however, that this exception is granted to Wisconsin because of the peculiar conditions existing there, that this exception is only temporary, and that it expects the Pan-Hellenic Association there to make every possible effort in order that the exception may, after two years, no longer be necessary.

A consideration of the reports of the different Pan-Hellenic Associations revealed the fact that the purpose of such associations was not everywhere understood. It was, therefore, moved that inasmuch as there had been some misunderstanding as to the real purpose of the local Pan-Hellenic Associations, each Sorority be asked to instruct its chapters that the purpose of these associations is not merely to promote good feeling and social intercourse but especially to discuss and act upon all matters of inter-sorority interest with a view to raising fraternity standards and ameliorating existing evils. This motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved that the Inter-Sorority Conference, through its Secretary, request each local Pan-Hellenic Association to discuss thoroughly and to attempt the adoption of rules:

1. Providing for a pledge day not less than two weeks after the opening of college whether such a compact is entered into by the National Sorority or not.

2. Tending to regulate and limit rushing, especially in the matter of extravagant expenditure and excess of social functions.

This motion was carried unanimously.

The last session of the Conference was devoted to a discussion of the social service work proposed by Kappa Kappa Gamma and was introduced by the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, We recognize that there are conditions existing in the social life of our co-educational colleges that demand serious consideration, and,

WHEREAS, We feel that the College Greek Letter Fraternities, with their organized strength, should be a recognized factor in the proper adjustment of such condition;

Resolved, That we, in the Seventeenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma assembled, recommend that concerted action be taken by the Women's National Greek Letter Fraternities, the object of which shall be to reach this adjustment.

Upon request, Mrs. Penfield, Chairman of the Social Service Committee, read the report upon which the above recommendation was based. The report is as follows:

To the Grand Council and Members of the Seventeenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma:

In presenting the report of the Committee on Social Service, it is but proper that some explanation of its origin be given. Last winter, while talking with the Directors of the American Institute of Social Service, I made the claim that the College Greek Letter Fraternity stood side by side with the instruction and influence of our great professors in the social service rendered to the college-body and to the student individually, stating that it was one of the most effective agents for practical preparation for after life. This statement was based upon the work done in our own chapters, which not only makes for the highest scholarship but for the most broadening participation in all the by-products of college life, such as Christian Association work, class and college politics, athletics, editorial work, etc. To make my position clearer and also secure data for a Social Service afternoon shortly to be given for our New York Alumni Association, I wrote to six representative college presidents, telling them what service we, as a fraternity, sought to render; said that we were gratified with the internal results and asked how fully we succeeded from their view point. From one president no reply came. Five most courteous responses were received. The answers were, however, as a whole, disappointing and convinced me of two things:

1. That we are not doing all that we should.
2. That many professors believe our fraternities to be "good time" organizations and are not aware of the high aims we seek to foster. In some cases this may be the direct consequence of our own inefficiency as fraternities, but I am persuaded from further investigation, that this is not always so, but in many instances the fraternities meet with a prejudice which is unwilling to allow them to render their legitimate social service to the college. Our chief concern, however, is with the first deduction, that we, as fraternities, are not doing all that we should.

One president asked that I meet the Dean of Women and talk the subject over. As this Dean was soon to be in the East, an appointment was effected in New York. As the appointment of this Social Service

Committee was the direct result of this conversation, it is of interest here. As a Bryn Mawr woman, she knew little of the internal workings of a fraternity and co-education had been new to her when she assumed her duties as Dean of Women three years before. These facts are mentioned simply to indicate the fair and unprejudiced consideration of conditions as found. She criticised the results of both the fraternity and co-education. Being asked where, in her judgment, these two institutions failed, she said that co-education, as she had seen it, did not offer the opportunity to the girl student for participation in the by-products of college life, such as is found in the exclusively woman's college. Agreeing with me that these things are as important to the student as work in the class room, she felt this to be a serious loss. She is also greatly disturbed over the social results coming from the present unregulated conditions in the state institutions. (It is her opinion that the denominational colleges meet this problem more fully.) The majority of the students bring to the college village standards in all social matters and continue their observance of village customs in a body that should recognize and be regulated by usages more advanced. There being no restrictive rules in the state institutions, she has found it impossible to bring social matters to anything approaching a social standard. The fraternity houses make the problem even more difficult of solution in some cases. The matrons are not women to command admiration and lead socially, but, in most instances, women whom the girls engage and dismiss at their own pleasure. In many cases, the chaperone has little more influence and the proper relationship of chaperone to charge is inadequately understood. With rare exceptions, the denominational colleges are the only ones where there is coöperation between faculty and students in the management of these houses. There is no faculty regulation. They are independent. The non-fraternity woman finds accommodations which are even less safeguarded. She said that the deans of women must have aid and wanted to know to what extent they could look to the fraternities for it.

The first criticism made by this dean is one which should be considered by every college woman (and perhaps by the fraternities individually) but has no place for consideration in this report. The second, however, represents a growing sentiment all over the country and touches a vital problem that demands solution. Recognizing this fact and also cognizant that these developments have changed the subject of higher co-education from the problem which belongs mainly to the educator to that which strongly concerns the sociologist, our Grand President felt that we, as a fraternity, should investigate the conditions, seek to know our responsibility and interest other national fraternities.

Acting upon this conviction, she asked me to take charge of the work. Broadly speaking, the result of my investigation as Chairman of this committee, is found in the following circular letter sent to all National Women's Greek Letter Societies. (The detailed report on the situation has been given to the Grand Council in person and is too lengthy to embody in this report.)

Heretofore representatives from the Women's National Greek Letter Fraternities have met together in friendly conferences to discuss questions of fraternity policy—to regulate, as far as it has been possible, the conditions of their legitimate, friendly rivalry. Much good has been the result of these meetings.

As a fraternity, we now feel that the time has come when we should unite along lines of broader social service. That college Greek Letter Fraternities render valuable social service to colleges and universities in which they are located, is well recognized. That this service could be made fuller and more complete both for the student body and the institution, by a union of all fraternities to this end, is apparent. The present great need for such union is found in the social conditions existing in our co-educational colleges. That these conditions, which are being criticised by the opponents and recognized by the friends of co-education, are not the result of the truest, best development of this system of education, but of spurious growth, we most firmly believe, and we further believe that they can be adjusted to the satisfaction of every rational mind.

We believe the finger of destiny is pointing to the College Greek Letter Fraternities, with their organized strength and natural leadership to do much toward this adjustment and prove conditions, which now seem unfortunate, to be remediable. If anyone should share in the vindication of the wisdom and beauty of co-education as a system, should it not be the fraternity woman? To co-education she owes the origin and nourishment of her beloved fraternity and all that her fraternity life has meant to her and to her sisters.

Several lines of definite action, looking toward this ultimate end have been indicated by prominent educators, but, if the present broad policy of non-coercion now held by our best institutions is maintained, faculties are helpless without the coöperation of the student body. We would not change this plan under which the most self-reliant, useful men and women are developed, but we would have the fraternities mould public opinion to higher standards and assist faculties in their work for the ideal results. To this call of honor and college pride we also desire to ask the men's fraternities to respond and we feel that we should do so with confidence. They, too, should share in this work, for we, like the faculties, cannot be effective without their support.

Our proposition is that this matter be thoroughly discussed at the coming Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago and we ask that when your delegate is sent to this Conference, she may bring to us the best, most helpful thought of your fraternity for such a united work. We also ask that invitations to join us in this discussion be extended to Dr. Mary Breed, Dean of Women, Indiana University, who is much interested in the work, and to all other deans of women to whom we may look for wise suggestions and substantial support.

We do not forget that conditions vary in our different institutions. In some, moderately satisfactory coöperation between faculty and students has been secured and in others, restrictive legislation is in force, but in many of the state universities there are no social regulations and the social standards are more those of the village than those approved by the best society in the respective states.

We do not advocate the enforcement of the social customs of one section of our country upon another, nor the enactment of any general laws, but we ask that there be established in each institution where a Woman's Greek Letter Fraternity exists, a definite and well recognized coöperation between faculty and student-body, the object of which shall be to maintain the highest possible standards in all social matters; this coöperation to be arranged in accordance with the individual conditions existing in the various institutions and communities.

In response to this circular letter most appreciative letters have been received from all the fraternities save one. The present situation is this: We, who have studied the conditions, recognize that there is just ground for criticism of our higher co-education, especially along social lines, but we do not believe these conditions, deplored by all mature men and women who have thought on the subject and grave as they are in some instances, are essential to the system. We do not believe the young women educated in a co-educational institution should be less womanly than those who come to the world prepared for their social position in a one-sex college. We do believe, however, that the social standards now recognized must inevitably produce this result if allowed to continue. We further feel that the young men and women in these institutions do not realize that their standards are not such as would pass muster in our recognized social centers and, that these young men and women do not appreciate the fact that they are making the history of co-education and that they, who owe everything to this system and who are staunch advocates of it, are bringing discredit upon it. It is therefore a problem of enlightenment rather than of coercion,—of atmosphere rather than of rules. Ibsen once said, "The capital fault of our education is our having laid stress on what we know

rather than on what we are." To remedy such a condition is not an easy task, but it is possible. It is also difficult to determine the point where the responsibility of faculty begins and that of the student ends, as both are more or less both governed and governing. It is safe, however, to say that ideal results will never come where the entire responsibility is either assumed or disavowed by one party. We believe that every student should share in this service and we are unable to understand why governing powers should not be practically sensitive to broaden responsibility than merely their intellectual service to the student, without encountering the end threatened by the lovers of license of effeminization and financial ruin. Our greatest interest is, however, in what the student and especially the fraternity student can do. By living up to the ideals established by their orders and by means of their organized strength, the College Greek Letter Fraternity can, by proper coöperation with faculties and with the non-fraternity men and women, not only disarm every criticism now so justly made against higher co-education, but can render a service to women and to the world of education such as it would be impossible to describe or even conceive. For this reason, we ask that this Convention indorse the following resolution to be presented to the coming Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago:

(Resolution given above.)

After a most interesting discussion the Conference voted to adopt the three following motions:

1. That the Inter-Sorority Conference recommend the establishment of women's leagues in our co-educational colleges where the Women's National Greek Letter Sororities are located,—membership in which shall include all women students and the object of which shall be to coöperate with the faculties in improving the present social conditions and also to provide for such coöperation along other lines of social service recognized to be within the province of such organizations, the extent and specific direction of which shall be determined in every case by local conditions.

2. Moved that these leagues be established under the direction of the Grand Presidents of the various Sororities, it being left to these officers to decide where such organizations shall be established and the form of each, the President of such Sorority being responsible for the colleges in which her Sorority was the first established.

3. Moved that a committee of three be now elected whose duty it shall be:

- 1st. To secure, if possible, the coöperation of the college men in this work.

2d. To form a Bureau of Comparative Legislation, which shall include the legislation now in force in colleges where women's leagues, women's dormitories and Sorority houses exist and to secure reports on the effectiveness of such legislation.

3d. To investigate the advisability of asking that deans of women be appointed in all co-educational colleges.

This committee was elected as follows: Mrs. W. W. Penfield of Kappa Kappa Gamma, St. Owen Place, Wakefield, New York City; Miss Lillian W. Thompson of Gamma Phi Beta, 326 West 60th Place, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Grace E. Telling of Delta Gamma, 840 North Park avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The committee was instructed to report on duties 1 and 2 to the Grand Presidents of the Sororities and on duty 3 to the next Inter-Sorority Conference.

It was thought by the Conference that such subjects as the specific work of deans of women as well as the matter of assistance of the proper kind for these overtaxed executives, the necessity for dormitories, the management of fraternity houses, the provision for adequate chaperonage, the regulation of the private boarding and furnished room house standards, etc., must, with an infinite number of other matters, be left to our leaders to decide when local conditions are investigated and the coöperation of local faculty and student-body enlisted. The Conference was unanimous in its endorsement of the work and urges the hearty coöperation of every fraternity woman and asks for the cordial support of all interested. Letters were read from several deans of women who were unable to be at the Conference but who are deeply interested in the work.

The Conference was then declared adjourned.

In conclusion, the Conference wishes to emphasize all the agreements now included in the Inter-Sorority Compact which is binding upon all chapters of all the Sororities represented in the compact.

1. There shall be a Pan-Hellenic Association in every institution where two or more National Sororities exist; each association shall be represented by the chapter first established there; and shall consist of one alumna and one active member of each Sorority. It shall be presided over in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment. Any chapter violating the Pan-Hellenic agreements shall be reported to its Grand President by the Pan-Hellenic Association to which it belongs.

2. No student shall be asked to join a Sorority before she has matriculated, matriculation being defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The next Conference will be called by Delta Delta Delta at Chicago in September, 1905. The great desire of this Conference is that the local Pan-Hellenic Associations may do much during the coming year to advance the work of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

AMY H. OLGEM, Delta Delta Delta,

Secretary of the Third Inter-Sorority Conference.

Greek News

The summer issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* is a catalogue number, and is issued only to members.

The eleventh National Convention of Alpha Chi Omega will be held with the Delta the latter part of October.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* issue for May consists of a catalogue number carefully compiled and systematically arranged.

The Grand Council of Pi Beta Phi announces the installation of New York Beta, Pi Beta Phi, at Columbia University on Saturday, May 28, 1904.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity announces the installation of the Beta Omicron Chapter at Newcomb College of Tulane University, Wednesday, May 11, 1904.

At the last triennial session of the United Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa this fall a charter was granted to the Woman's College of Baltimore, and to five other institutions.

The Grand Committee of Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of Zeta of Alpha Xi Delta, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, May 11, and Eta of Alpha Xi Delta, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., May 28, 1904.

A new faculty ruling at Lehigh, effective next September, prohibits pledging or initiating Freshmen until January 1 of their Freshman year, and prohibits their living in a frat house until after the beginning of the second term in February.

The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi reports the death of Charles Page T. Moore, the founder of Phi Kappa Psi. The same journal for August gives a brief sketch of the life of Mayor McLane, the mayor of Baltimore, who committed suicide May 30. Mayor McLane was a Phi Kappa Psi.

A fellowship open to women graduates of the colleges of the United States of not more than five years' standing has been opened by the Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women. The prize is a fund of \$500 per annum, with the privilege of studying either in America or abroad, and of continuing her work under the same conditions for a second year if her researches are of exceptional value. The competition for the fellowship will rest on credentials and previous good work.

Three-fourths of the members of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court are college graduates, of whom a majority are fraternity men, and Princeton has no representative in either body. Of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Fuller (Bowdoin, '53), is a Chi Psi; Justice Harlan (Centre, '53), Beta Theta Pi; Justice Brewer (Wesleyan, '53), Beta Theta Pi; Justice Brown (Yale, '56), Alpha Delta Phi; Justice White (Georgetown, D. C.), non-fraternity; Justices Peckham and McKenna, non-collegians; Justice Holmes (Harvard, '61), Alpha Delta Phi; Justice Day (University of Michigan), Alpha Delta Phi.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The first Pan-Hellenic promenade at the University of Chicago, held April 15, was a great success. The *Chicago Daily Maroon*, in describing the affair, said: "Two hundred couples joined in the grand march, which was viewed from the left of the entrance by the receiving line of chaperons. The programs, which were exquisite and useful as souvenirs, were distributed, flashlight pictures of the long line were taken, and then dancing began. Perhaps the grandest feature of the Pan-Hellenic lay in the work of decoration. The rivalry of the fraternities in the ornamentation of their booths produced a wealth of variety and elaboration. No two booths were decorated on exactly the same lines; some with the aid of more favorable colors, were more pleasing in the artificial light. Others were preferred from the standpoint of uniqueness and originality. To make an unprejudiced choice with so many points in consideration would be hard indeed."



Our Contemporaries in Black and White

We acknowledge the receipt of exchanges as follows:

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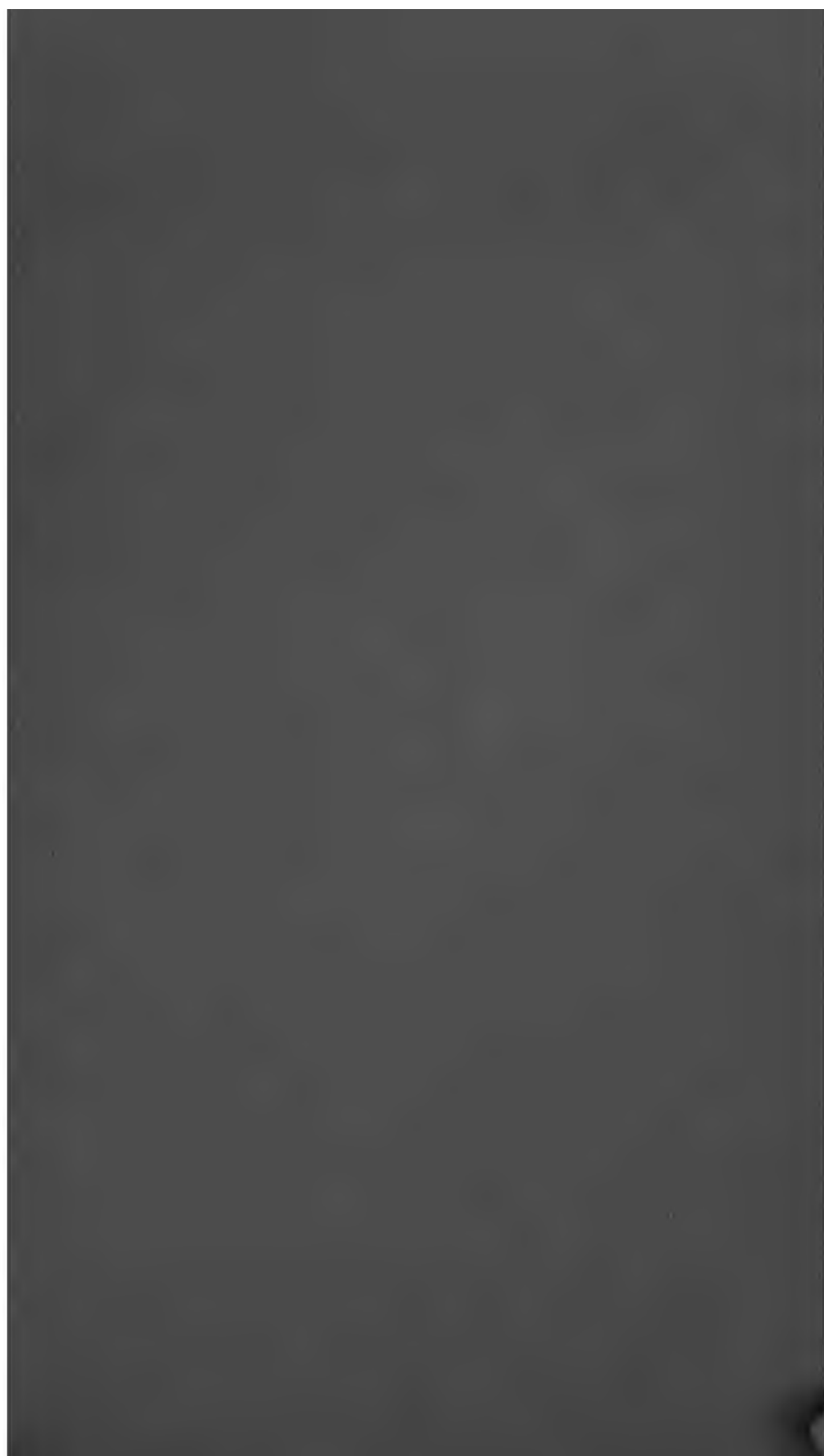
June.—*The Trident*; *The Scroll*, of Phi Delta Theta; *The Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi; *Lyre*, of Alpha Chi Omega; *Beta Theta Pi*; *The Shield*, of Theta Delta Chi; *The Rainbow*, of Delta Tau Delta; *Delta Upsilon*.

July.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *The Arrow*, of Pi Beta Phi; *The Anchora*, of Delta Gamma.

August.—*The Delta*, of Sigma Nu; *The Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi.

September.—*The Sigma Chi Quarterly*; *The Trident*; *The Record*, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

October.—*Kappa Alpha Quarterly*; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.





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